

Poll tax fury as ministers lash Heseltine

Leader of backbench revolt 'is a stooge'

By Richard Ford and Philip Webster

The Government tonight faces one of its most serious backbench revolts since 1979 amid extraordinary public bitterness between Ministers and rebel Conservative MPs, including Mr Michael Heseltine.

Although the Government's three-figure Commons majority in danger of falling to around 30 or less in a vote on the poll tax, yesterday it maintained its unprecedented assault on Conservative backbench rebels, and in particular on Mr Heseltine.

The former Cabinet Minister, who resigned during the Westland crisis, was accused

of instigating the rebellion on the flagship legislation of Mrs Thatcher's third term to further his own ambition to lead the party.

He was depicted as the *eminence grise* behind an amendment from Mr Michael

Recipe for revolt16 Photograph24

Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, which aims to make the poll tax fairer by introducing a banding system based on ability to pay.

Mr Heseltine, who has been assiduously cultivating Conservative grassroots since he left the Cabinet, was accused by senior Government sources of "spearheading" the revolt.

They said he was guilty of a serious misjudgement in putting himself at the forefront of a campaign led by Conservative MPs motivated by disaffection with the Government rather than genuine opposition to the community charge.

A Whitehall source, recalling the affair that led to Mr Heseltine's resignation, said: "This is further evidence of his lack of judgement, as was shown at the time of Westland."

"It is unfortunate but rather a lot of people resent the way he has used Michael Mates."

The strong personal criticism of Mr Heseltine's alleged role in co-ordinating the revolt brought an angry response from both Mr Heseltine and his close colleague Mr Mates.

Supporters of the Mates amendment said the Government had resorted to attacking personalities because they knew they had not got a case for a flat-rate community charge.

Mr Heseltine said that when he was opposed to something people knew he was against it. "When I stand for a cause, I do it in my own name and not behind somebody else's shadow."

But in words that will fuel Ministerial suspicions about his long-term motives, he said that, along with Mr Norman Tebbit, he had persuaded the Government to disband the Inner London Education Authority. He was also trying

to constrain development in the south and spread wealth more widely across the country, he added.

Mr Mates denied that he was "Mr Heseltine's stooge", saying: "Do I look like anyone's stooge?"

Government sources belittled the strategy and the amendment from Mr Mates, saying the two backbenchers had failed to think through the consequences of defeat and that the clause was riddled with disadvantages.

It would lead to large increases in the community charge for people starting to pay income tax and for others moving from basic rate to the higher rate, and posed major administrative difficulties.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment with responsibility for local government, ruled out further last minute concessions to the rebels. He said: "I don't think we can offer further concessions. We have made improved proposals to meet their concerns. I am confident we shall have a healthy majority."

Government sources fiercely attacked the rebels, saying they appeared not to realise that if the Government was defeated on such a crucial part of its programme it could face a motion of censure from the Labour opposition and might have to repeal its Scottish poll tax legislation.

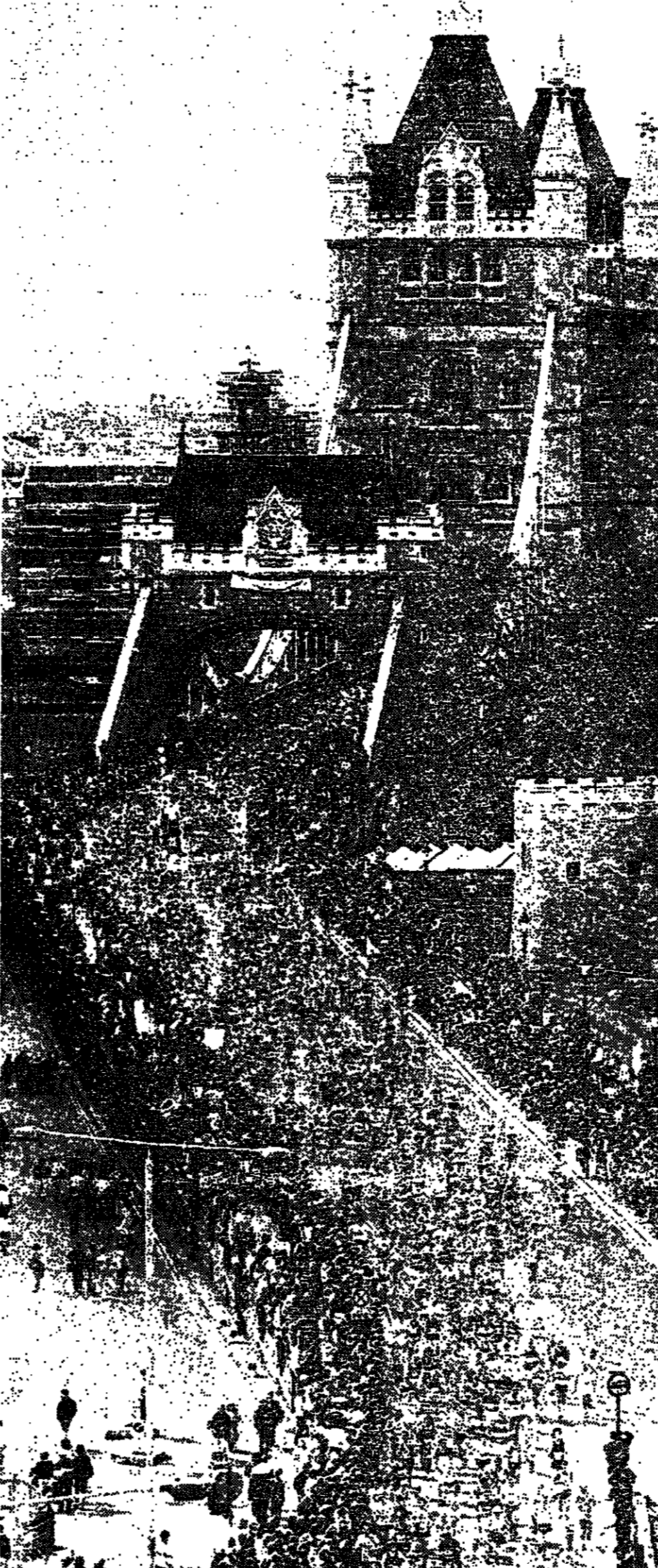
Labour has yet to decide its tactics in the event of a Government defeat or a humiliatingly low majority. It is argued that putting down a motion of censure would automatically force the Conservatives to close ranks behind the Prime Minister.

The Government whips believe they have contained tonight's rebellion to a hard core 35 or so Tory MPs and this figure is not disputed by the rebels. But it would cut the Government's majority by 70 and its difficulties are increased by the fact that the Labour Party and the Ulster Unionists are voting with the rebels.

Since last Thursday's concession over poll tax rebates, several MPs including Mr Henry Bellingham, Sir Geoffrey...

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Marathon men call for Budd backing



A Sunday rush hour on Tower Bridge yesterday as some of the thousands of runners in the Mars London Marathon reach halfway point in the race (Photograph: John Rogers).

Britain 'should pull out of Seoul'

By Andrew Moger and Ruth Gledhill

Two top British sportsmen yesterday backed Zola Budd in a dispute over her links with South Africa and said the entire British Olympic team should be prepared to risk being banned from the Seoul games later this year.

They said they would rather the entire British involvement in the Seoul games was sacrificed than see the British Amateur Athletic Board pressured into suspending her. Kevin Forster and Hugh Jones put their own athletic careers in doubt after leading performances in the Mars London Marathon had apparently guaranteed them places in the British Olympics team.

ALL THE FINISHERS
Only *The Times* lists all the marathon finishers, and their times, starting today and continuing until Wednesday page 39 Full story and more photographs page 44

On Saturday the International Amateur Athletic Federation told the governing body of British athletics should act against the South African-born runner, who holds a British passport.

The federation claims Miss Budd, a long distance runner, broke its rules by "participating" in a cross country race in South Africa last year. It wants a 12 months' ban.

The British Amateur Athletic Board is due to discuss the issue later this week. If the board avoids suspending her, the federation's council has said it will look at the possibility of punishing Britain, a threat taken to include banning the British squad.

Mr Jones said: "It is a matter of blackmail by the IAAF. I think she should be backed all the way by the board and I am prepared to take suspension of the whole team on her behalf."

He said any failure by the board to support Miss Budd would "be a message that they are spineless and without principle."

Mr Forster, who came second in yesterday's marathon, said: "If the charges made against her are the only charges, we should back her even at the expense of the British team in Seoul."

Last night the amateur athletic board said members had already expressed anger at the federation's recommendation to suspend Miss Budd.

More than 22,000 runners raised £7 million for charity in the London marathon, the world's largest running event.

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- This week the top schools battle it out for an IBM Personal System/2 Model 30 computer. First round: page 14.

Turn down Africa plea

Labour is closing on safe Tories

Labour is winning over twice as many defectors from the Alliance as the Government, according to the most detailed survey of political opinions since the general election.

A MORI survey of more than 11,000 adults in the first quarter of 1988 confirms that Labour has been closing the gap on the Conservatives, though without threatening the solid Tory lead which stands at 8 per cent compared with 11 per cent at the General Election last June.

Labour's vote is up 6 per cent since last June while the Tory vote is up three points. In Scotland the Labour lead has doubled.

Support for the Democrats and the SDP, has dwindled from 23 per cent then to only 14 per cent.

That is split 8 per cent for the SLD or Democrats, now jointly led by Mr David Steel and Mr Robert MacLennan, and 6 per cent for Dr David Owen's SDP. Concern with the National Health Service has tripled since June.

Among those questioned, 10 per cent more were satisfied with Mrs Thatcher's performance than those with Mr Kinnock's.

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IN PART ② New test for shares

Exactly six months ago shares prices crashed on Black Monday. Markets this morning face another stiff test after falls in the dollar. A review begins on page 26.

Barclays faces cash call row

Barclays Bank faces a fresh crisis as US investors threaten to spurn its \$921 million cash call. Mr Brian Pierce, its finance director, flies out this week to calm American fears. Page 25

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ITN plans working changes

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The 15-strong board of ITN will meet this afternoon to approve plans that will lead to far-reaching changes to its operations, aimed at substantial savings and possible cuts in staff levels.

The meeting comes as the two unions directly affected begin planning a merger to form a 60,000-member "super union" to fight attacks from the Government and the ITV companies.

The Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) and the Broadcasting and Entertainment Alliance (BETA) took the decision to merge at their annual conferences held in Brighton and London over the weekend.

ITN, which has been operating for 33 years, receives £55 million from the ITV companies and Channel 4 for its news services. It intends to streamline its operation and widen its activities in the new government-sponsored cli-

mate of de-regulation within the industry.

Today's board meeting is expected to approve the recruitment of more directors from the business world, and to seek capital investment for expansion.

Although ACTT voted at its conference against strike action in protest at changes in working practices, delegates at reiterated their support for striking members at TV-am who were dismissed.

All of the ITV companies are looking for cost savings and staff cuts and the Government has asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to look into alleged restrictive practices in the industry.

Today's ITN board meeting is expected to discuss a new generation of television news gathering equipment, which would do away with the "crew" system of news gathering.

The company has been investigating buying 30 of the

latest Japanese cameras, which combine the function of sound, lighting and cameraman into one unit. According to Mr Paul Mathews, deputy chief executive of ITN, they can now be purchased for £18,000 each.

He would not speculate on the effect such equipment would have on manning levels, but said some staff reductions would be inevitable as a result of its introduction. "We expect to see considerable changes in working methods by the time we move into our new building in Gray's Inn Road in 1990."

"New technology will have to be installed into that building to complement the equipment we intend to buy, but we expect that between 60 and 70 per cent of what we want will be achievable and working by the time we move."

Mr David Nicholas, ITN's chief executive, would not go into details about today's meeting.

Passenger warns of 'our dark fate'

From Philip Jacobson, Algiers

The gruelling ordeal of the hostages on board flight KU422 continued yesterday with a breakthrough apparently as far away as ever.

The Algerian negotiators were clearly still unable to persuade the Kuwaiti Government delegation here to reconsider their flat refusal to contemplate the release of any of the 17 terrorist prisoners in the Emirate whose freedom the hijackers are demanding.

Despite the hijackers' assurances yesterday that they would not spill any blood on Algerian territory, the accumulated tension and fatigue must now be telling.

Late in the afternoon, the hijackers produced another passenger for what appeared to be a pre-arranged statement over the plane's radio. Mr Fahmi Awad Doukhi, the son of an eminent Kuwaiti singer, passed on love and best wishes to his family and friends. but

warned that unless Kuwait released all of the 17, "our fate will be a dark one".

The Algerian authorities yesterday abruptly expelled hundreds of reporters from the airport's VIP lounge where they had been allowed to stay for nearly a week. The journalists moved into tents, erected by Algerian security men, on a nearby lawn. About the same time, police, armed with pistols, took up positions on the roof of the terminal building facing the plane. An official said the lounge was urgently needed for Arab ambassadors expected to arrive for a possible expansion of the continuing negotiations.

For all the hijackers' "professionalism", and their announcement yesterday that they would give the Algerians more time to seek a solution, their failure to trap Kuwait's nerve could soon leave them

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Kremlin wants joint Middle East role with US

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The official Soviet Communist Party newspaper, *Pravda*, yesterday said the superpower co-operation which led to last week's Geneva accords on Afghanistan could be used to resolve the conflicts in the Middle East.

The controversial call came amid growing signs of Moscow's determination to play a greater role in the Middle East and claims from both Western and Arab diplomatic sources that it will prove a major issue when the US and Soviet foreign ministers meet here on Thursday to plan the agenda for next month's Moscow summit.

According to Soviet reports from Amman, the Jordanian capital, Mr

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is due to visit the region soon, though this has yet to be announced officially. When asked about the visit in Geneva, he replied: "I have my own secrets and I would not like to reveal them all. But if it would help matters, I am ready to go."

There have also been repeated diplomatic reports in Moscow that when Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, who recently returned from two Middle East trips to promote the new US peace plan, arrives here for talks on Thursday he will be bringing senior State Department Middle East experts.

Pravda, claiming that the Geneva accords provided a breakthrough in perceptions of ways to the peaceful

resolution of regional problems, added: "What likewise draws attention is that the Soviet Union and the United States, for the first time, acted jointly as intermediaries and guarantors of the settlement of a regional problem."

"This can become a key to unblocking such 'fossilized' conflicts as, say, the Middle Eastern one. A realistic interaction of Washington and Moscow rather than total rivalry would allow third countries to orientate their foreign policies respectively."

The *Pravda* commentary followed earlier remarks by Mr Shevardnadze, who said after Thursday's historic ceremony in Geneva: "The signing will certainly stimulate a positive solution of other regional problems, including the Middle East."

"We have a very active dialogue on the issue with the United States, with Arab states and the Palestinians, and with other countries. I would say without exaggeration that good prospects are now opening up for a resolution to the Middle East problem. But so far it is all potential, and this potential has to be utilized."

He was speaking only a few days after Mr Mikhail Gorbachev made plain, in Kremlin talks with Mr Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that recognition of the state of Israel was an essential part of the Middle East solution.

Senior Arab diplomats who studied the text of Mr Gorbachev's remarks as published by *Pravda* noted that,

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Gatwick safety inquiry urged

Mr Iain Sproat, a former minister of aviation, is being pressed to raise the dangers of Gatwick airport with the Prime Minister after the near miss between two holiday jets at the airport last week.

Mr Sproat has been briefed by airlines and pilots. They are concerned about safety risks at the airport, where an emergency runway is being used every night while the main runway is resurfaced. Pilots said yesterday that part of the passenger terminal and the apron was directly in line with the emergency runway. The glare from planes and buildings was a serious hazard to pilots approaching the runway from the west at night.

In last week's incident, a British Island Airways jet landed on the taxiway forcing a manoeuvring British Airways jet to swerve on to the grass.

Chemical war protest

Leading British scientists are launching a campaign to halt what they fear is the start of a chemical weapons arms race. Professor Steven Rose of the Open University said: "In March the Iraqi government used chemical weapons for the first time against a civilian population. This is an escalation of the gravest significance and a flagrant breach of the 1925 Geneva Protocol." The campaign has the support of more than 54 scientists in British universities who are calling for the establishment of an international tribunal to review evidence on the use of chemical warfare and international legal action against any government responsible for breaches of the Geneva convention and denial of the technology to those in the Gulf conflict.

Case against hanging

Five men wrongly convicted of murder could have hanged had the penalty been available, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday launching a campaign against the restoration of capital punishment, due to be debated next month in the Commons. The cases are: Patrick Meehan, pardoned after serving six years; Albert Taylor, conviction quashed after five years; John Prece, freed and awarded £77,000 compensation; Michael McMahon and David Cooper, released by the Home Secretary because of doubts as to guilt.

Nurses 'wait and see'

Leaders of Britain's 500,000 nurses said last night that they would "wait and see" if the Government would meet in full the independent review body's recommendations for nurses and midwives' pay. The Government is expected to pay the nurses an average 12.5 per cent rise. The Royal College of Nursing said it had been down the same road before and had been disappointed.

Three on PC charge

Three men have been charged with the murder of Police Constable Frank Mason, who was shot dead while trying to foil a bank raid in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, on Thursday. Charles McGhee and James Hurley, of Luton, and Perry Wharrie, of south London, appeared before magistrates at Hertford on Saturday. Robert MacFarland, of Luton, was charged with assisting the officer's alleged killers.

Emblem ruling soon

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Allan Green, QC, is expected to decide this week if the Labour Party and Tribune, the left-wing newspaper, should be prosecuted for alleged illegal use of the Red Cross emblem. It is alleged the party used a variant on leaflets and lapel badges as part of its campaign for increased spending on the National Health Service on the eve of the Budget.

Union move to defuse Prescott's challenge

By Roland Radd

The leaders of Britain's two largest trade unions last night launched an initiative aimed at forcing Mr John Prescott to withdraw from the election for the deputy leader of the Labour Party.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, who command just under almost two million votes at the Labour Party conference, said they would ensure that the role of the deputy leadership would be debated at this year's party conference, thereby fulfilling the prime reason for Mr Prescott's candidature.

The two general secretaries said that since Mr Prescott's candidature had been based on the particular proposal that the role of the deputy leadership should be changed from a purely parliamentary basis to a broader campaigning role there would be no need for him to stand if that issue was given full airing at the party conference.

Mr Sam McCluskie, general secretary of the National Union of Seaman, which has nominated him for the deputy leadership, has already tabled a motion for a full debate on the role of the deputy leadership.

However, the NUS, Mr Prescott's union, which commands a block vote of only 25,000, is in no position to force its will on a Labour conference.

Mr Todd and Mr Edmonds are confident that they can, and last night they said they would ensure that Mr Prescott had the debate for which he has strenuously argued.

The general secretaries will approach Mr Prescott to try to persuade him to withdraw his candidature.

Mr Edmonds said: "If John does not withdraw he's going to have to say why he wants to continue to run when his basic demand for a serious debate on the role of the deputy leadership (which I have some

sympathies with) has been assured".

The trade union leaders launched their initiative in an effort to narrow the battle between the hard left and the leadership. There is a widespread feeling within the trade union movement that whereas Mr Roy Hattersley would easily beat Mr Eric Heffer, he would be run very close and could ultimately lose to Mr Prescott.

Both Mr Todd and Mr Edmonds do not want the election and are anxious to minimize the damage of a bruising six-month fight.

They believe that a convincing win by Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Hattersley could ultimately benefit the party. A close-run result over the deputy leadership would spoil their plans for a triumphant win by the present leadership of the Labour Party.

Mr Edmonds wants Labour's national executive committee to set up a working party on the role of the deputy leadership and to look into Mr Prescott's proposals that it should have a strong organizational base instead of being defined as a purely parliamentary role.

The trade union leaders realize only too well that the last time Mr Prescott withdrew from the race after pressure from his own union he was bitterly upset when Mr Kinnock squashed his hopes for a debate on the deputy leadership.

That debate will take place and there will be intense pressure once again on Mr Prescott to withdraw from the race. At the very least, the latest initiative will seriously undermine his chances if he decides to ignore the trade unions' advice and fight on to the conference.

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Ferry strikers vote to stay out



Mr Sam McCluskie, leader of the seamen's union, addressing P&O crews at Dover yesterday (Photograph: Paul Amos).

By John Spicer

Employment Affairs Correspondent
P&O ferry crews based at Dover voted overwhelmingly yesterday to continue their 11-week strike. After a meeting of about 1,500 of the 2,300 striking seamen at Dover, at which only 25 voted against the motion, angry company officials accused NUS leaders of lying to their members.

Mr Peter Thomas, director of cor-

porate affairs for P&O European Ferries, urged employees to contact a special telephone "hotline" to hear the true position. Yesterday's meeting voted on a resolution that the company's latest offer did not represent the options put forward by the conciliation service Acas.

But last night Mr Roger Wilkins, deputy general secretary of the NUS, said: "We are not telling lies to our

members. All we have here is the same cake with different icing. People are still being asked to work extra hours without being paid for them and we think that is wrong."

● Passengers were evacuated from a Sealink ferry at Dun Laoghaire in the Irish Republic yesterday after a small explosion and fire in the engine room. An injured crewman was taken to hospital.

Dispute looms on police pay review

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police negotiators are proposing a 13.5 per cent pay rise for officers this year to include money lost in previous years because of changes in the basis of pay calculations.

The Police Federation says proposals by local authorities and the Home Office would cut the pay of new recruits, making the service less attractive, particularly in London.

The sides are to meet again in July and there are growing fears of confrontation.

Pay awards for the police, made each September, are based on the average of an index of underlying pay trends. This year police are likely to get about 8.5 per cent.

The federation, which represents officers up to the rank of superintendent, is arguing

that police should get an extra 5 per cent to compensate for the 1984 award when factors such as strikes and delayed settlements were taken into account.

The employers have told the federation that policemen have done better than groups of manual workers since 1978. Proposals opposed by the federation include no pay rise for a police constable after one year's service, a review of pay for all the constable levels and the end of special allowances for London constables until they have served five years.

An 8.5 per cent increase would give an experienced constable a rise of £892 and a chief superintendent £2,312. A 13.5 per cent rise would give them £1,412 and £3,672 respectively.

Top people's rises in efficiency study

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Ministry of Defence are understood to be concerned by proposals from the Top Salaries Review Body.

The Treasury insists there can be no across the board payments for Civil Servants at permanent and deputy secretary grades, judges and General officers in the Armed Forces. It wants to use "performance criteria".

However, no one has yet attempted to measure the efficiency of a High Court judge. Senior Army officers, who are assessed according to military criteria, are unlikely to take kindly to additional measurements of their worth.

A spokesman for the Treasury said yesterday that the

report of the Top Salaries Review Body was with the Prime Minister and will be considered by the Cabinet.

Decisions on payments are likely to be made in parallel with the Cabinet's review of nurses' pay. Ministers want to avoid invidious comparisons between their treatment of NHS staff.

● Nearly nine and a half million adult workers, 46 per cent of the workforce, are low paid, according to a Low Pay Unit analysis of government figures.

A report published yesterday, which bases its definition of low pay on the Council of Europe's decency threshold of £135 per week, says the number of low-paid workers in Britain rose last year by 600,000 to 9.4 million.

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Child of courage's success threatened by cuts in benefit

By Tony Dawe

A boy aged nine who has overcome severe brain damage to lead an active life will be at the centre of a Commons dispute today about changes in social security benefits. Mr Robin Cook, Labour's social security spokesman, and Mr David Blunkett, Labour MP for Sheffield, Brightside, a trustee of Community Service Volunteers, both plan to raise in Parliament the case of Doran Scotson, whose successful treatment at home is threatened by the sudden withdrawal of a social security grant.

The boy proved a cause célèbre as he overcame a doctor's pronouncement that he was a "cabbage" at birth by following a gruelling physical routine. He won a Children of Courage award in 1982 and was pictured in *The Times* in the arms of Mrs Margaret Thatcher. His progress was helped by the continual support of his mother, Mrs Linda Scotson, and two volunteers who took him through a regular programme of often violent exercises at his home near East Grinstead, West Sussex, to stimulate his system. Mrs Scotson, after a long

struggle, won a £43-a-week domestic needs allowance from the Department of Health and Social Security to pay for the board and lodging of the two volunteers, supplied by the Community Service Volunteers organization. She was told last week that the allowance had been stopped and that under the changes in benefits her only right of appeal is to another Civil Servant. Mrs Scotson said: "I am staggered by the decision. It stems apparently from innocent remarks I made on a local radio station. In trying to encourage mothers of similarly handicapped children, I said how well Doran was doing. I then received a visit from a DHSS official who had been listening and who asked me detailed questions about Doran's health and my circumstances." Mrs Scotson won the immediate support yesterday of Community Service Volunteers, who have supplied her with 117 volunteers to help look after Doran over the years. "This is extraordinary behaviour from a government committed to providing com-

Guarding against egg collectors



Mr Elliott, left, and Mr Robinson, at Sandy, Bedfordshire, watching for illegal egg collectors (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

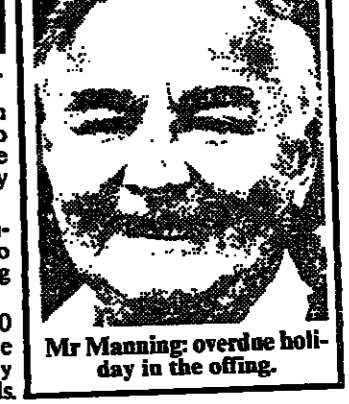
By Andrew Morgan One of the biggest security operations to guard the nests of rare birds of prey from organized gangs of springtime egg thieves is being started this week by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Among the birds given greatest surveillance are white-tailed eagles, reintroduced to Britain 14 years ago; red kites; osprey; golden eagles; and merlin. Mr Graham Elliott, a species protection officer with the association, said: "We must guard nests every minute. We

have technology on our side these days, but as we develop techniques, the collectors find ways around them." This week two company directors are due to appear before magistrates in Peterborough, charged with stealing more than 1,000 eggs. They were charged, after one of the association's biggest investigations. Each year, about one thousand reports of alleged egg theft, bird of prey poisoning and illicit dealing reach the association but its resources only allow

them to bring private prosecutions in about 25 cases. It passes on other cases to the police for prosecution, but the number of cases reaching court barely tops a hundred. Mr Peter Robinson, the senior investigations officer, said: "We try to wheedle out and focus on those dealing with rare birds". According to Mr Robinson, about 500 egg collectors are active. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, they face fines of £2,000 for eggs of rare birds.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Two split winnings of £8,000

A former squadron leader and a retired Civil Servant share the weekly Portfolio prize of £8,000. Squadron Leader Richard Phillips, aged 77, of Penrhillan, Dyfed, served in the RAF for 37 years. He said: "My wife, Olwen, and myself will be celebrating our golden wedding in December so we will be able to afford a formal occasion". Sharing the prize is Mr Donald Manning, aged 64, of Charlton Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon. He and his wife, Rosalyn, intend to have their first holiday for 10 years.



Mr Manning: overdue holiday in the office.

Lords seek cash for small schools

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A campaign to oblige the Government to fund any small school that a group of 30 or so parents wants to establish is launched today with a Lords amendment to the Education Reform Bill. The amendment, to the clause that empowers the Secretary of State for Education and Science to enter into agreements to establish and maintain city technology colleges, is being tabled by Lord Young of Dartington, a life-long campaigner in the cause of alternative education. Lord Young said yesterday that his aim, in line with Conservative philosophy, was to open up the variety of schools between which parents could choose to include those that put an emphasis on the arts, serve small communities, stand for a particular

religious faith or use significantly different teaching methods. The idea is being promoted by the newly formed Campaign for Educational Choice which draws its inspiration from Denmark where any group of parents with more than 27 children among them can start a school of their choice and have it paid for by the state. The campaign says the same is true in The Netherlands, where only a quarter of the schools are run by the state and the rest, which are the responsibility of a variety of foundations and associations, are funded by the ministry of education on the same footing as state schools. Mr Tony Flower, the campaign co-ordinator, said it was high time Britain followed the lead of Denmark and The Netherlands. "At present, the Bill does nothing to extend parental choice for those who cannot afford to pay fees. Even schools that opt out of local authority control will have to maintain the same character. The choice the Bill offers is a pretence. We want to make it more humane." A model of the type of school the campaign would like the Government to support is the Small School in Hartland, Devon. It was founded six years ago after the closure of a local secondary school left village children with a daily round trip of 30 miles to the nearest comprehensive.

The Psychological Society Happiness index measures moods

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

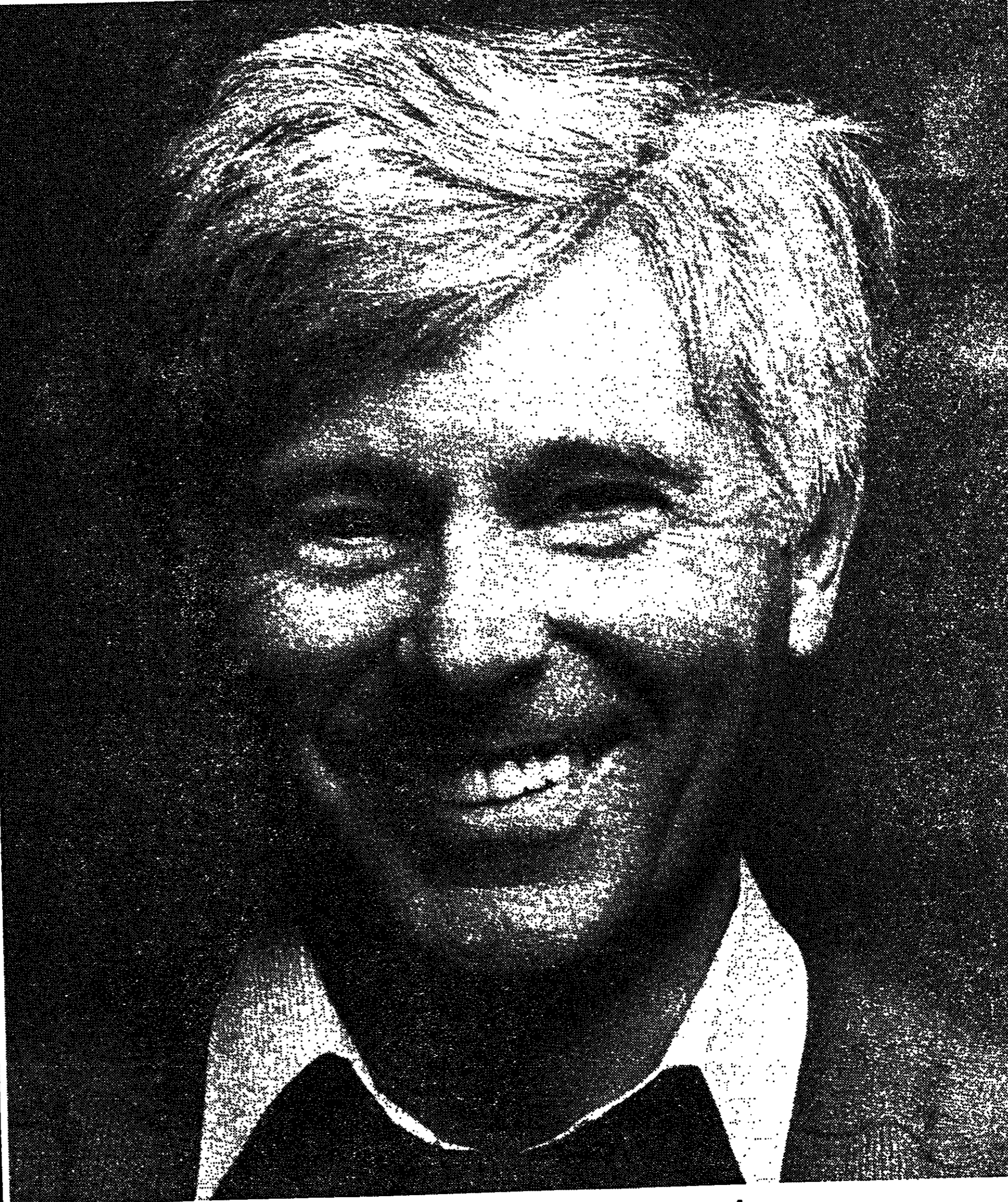
Advertisers may have been proclaiming confidently what "happiness is", but scientists have, for rather different reasons, been working out a way to measure it. Their results were presented yesterday to the British Psychological Society in the form of the Oxford Happiness Inventory. Clinical psychologists find an increasing need for measuring happiness. Such a measure is necessary to check the effectiveness of the new psychological therapies being devised as alternatives to treatment for the types of depression for which drugs are prescribed based on benzodiazepines, a cause of anxiety because they are addictive. The new happiness index has been devised by a team working with Professor Michael Argyle, of Oxford University. It has been designed as a substitute for a long-standing technique of psychologists for testing subjects, called the

Beck Depression Inventory. The new version is intended, among other things, to take account of colloquial changes in the English language. The happiness scale depends on tests that involve word associations and the creation of verbal pictures. The happiness inventory is a research tool to assess the effectiveness of approaches to treating depression. In the simplest tests on the subject to check if these measures are working, the subject is asked to think of 10 "emotion" words. Depressives come up with a list such as anxious, worried, depressed, gloomy, oppressed. Once they improve they are more likely to think of words such as happy, cheerful, joy, glad, pleased, contented. Memory also changes with mood. When subjects are given a list of words and sentences to be recalled a week or two later, they remember most if they are in the same mood as when they originally learnt them.

Escape time 'lost'

People caught in fires waste life-saving seconds when they should be escaping, according to Professor David Canter, a technical adviser to the inquiry into the King's Cross fire. He told the society that normal behaviour for travellers on the platform when the King's Cross fire started would have been to take the first train out, but they followed an instruction and left the platform. Professor Canter, of Surrey

University, has spent 10 years studying the behaviour of people caught in fires in hotels, hospitals and homes. As a member of the Poppell inquiry, he investigated how people reacted during the Bradford City football ground fire. Professor Canter suggests that at the critical moments, people look for confirmation about what has gone wrong and seek some individual or person in authority to suggest what to do next.



For a man whose heart stopped beating 3 years ago, he's not looking bad.

You're looking at a modern day miracle. According to the laws of nature this man should be dead and buried. Three years ago he had a severe heart attack followed by a heart by-pass operation. Today, he's back at work, leading a healthy, active and enjoyable life. A life that he owes to the skill of the surgeon coupled with the benefits of effective medicines. Medicines that now include those which can actually dissolve the blood clots that cause heart attacks and strokes. Thus opening the way to a fast and fuller recovery. And the story doesn't stop there. Helping after the event is not enough. Our aim is to prevent heart attacks from happening in the first place. Further important innovations in circulatory disease medicines are being developed by the British pharmaceutical industry in close co-operation with universities and hospitals. Even so, medicines cannot succeed on their own. We need your help. And the best way you can help us is to help yourself. Eat less fat, stop smoking and take regular exercise. The sooner you do that, the sooner we can turn more attention to preventing other fatal diseases. THE BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY HELPING TO KEEP BRITAIN HEALTHY.

11,000 questioned in the most detailed survey of political opinion since the general election

Labour is closing gap but Tories sitting pretty

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

An aggregation of the MORI polls, providing the most comprehensive survey of political opinions since the general election, confirms that Labour is closing the gap slowly but steadily on the Conservatives, winning over twice as many former Alliance voters as the Tories.

But in spite of the controversy over the National Health Service and a Budget widely held to have favoured the rich at the expense of other sectors in society, the Conservatives retain a clear lead and nothing short of an economic crisis seems likely to disturb their dominance.

The MORI study of more than 11,000 people, 9,000 now expressing a voting intention, shows support for the Conservatives at 46 per cent with Labour on 38 per cent and the two former Alliance parties on 14 per cent between them, with the most recent poll showing the Steel/Macleanan SLD taking 8 per cent and Dr David Owen's SDP 6 per cent.

That compares with figures at the general election on June 11 of Conservatives 43 per cent, Labour 32 per cent and the Alliance 23 per cent.

For some time before the last election, leading Labour figures declined to consider electoral deals with the Alliance, arguing that the likely split in the Alliance vote, if it were redistributed, would favour the Tories by 2:1. In fact, Labour is taking two former Alliance votes for every one going to the Conservatives.

As the tables show, the Alliance share has dropped by 9 per cent since last June. Meanwhile, the Labour share is up six points and the Tory share up three. The Alliance has lost particularly badly among younger voters, with an 11 per cent fall in both the 18-24 and 25-34 age groups.

Women have remained more constant than men to the Alliance cause, with an 8 per cent drop among women voters compared with 11 per cent among men.

What must be a worry to the Labour leadership is that Labour's advance is concentrated in older age groups and in declining sectors such as council tenants. In the over-55 age group, Labour has increased its vote by 5 per cent to a single point increase for



the Conservatives and in the 35 to 54 age group, Labour is picking up seven votes for every two gained by the Tories.

But in the 18-24 age group, the split is six voters to Labour for five to the Tories and in the 25-34 "young family" age group, they are level pegging with a 6 per cent increase each.

Surprisingly, Labour is making no bigger advance among trades unionists than it is among non trades unionists. While it has won 6 per cent increased support among trades unionists since the last election, Tory support in the same sector is also up by 5 per cent. Opinion polls have consistently shown support for Tory trades union reforms, even among union members, and Labour's election pledge to scrap the Conservative trade union legislation, repeated only last weekend by Mr Kinnock, may be deterring trade union members from swinging back to Labour.

In class terms, Labour is taking an extra seven votes in the DE classification - the unskilled working class and state pensioners - to every one gained by the Conservatives. Among the skilled working class C2 voters, the Conservatives are winning a third as many converts as Labour and among the ABC1 professional, managerial and white collar groups the two main parties are dividing equally between them the 10 per cent lost by the Alliance since the general election.

The Midlands remains the key to swinging electoral fortunes and it is therefore significant that while in the South Labour is picking up two voters to every one gained by the Tories and in the North it is taking four votes for every two, the ratio in the Midlands is only five new Labour votes to every four new Tory ones.

So Labour is winning votes essentially where it does the party little good. One intriguing point which must affect political calculation based on these figures is that the social revolution brought about during the Thatcher years has been especially pronounced in the south of England. There, only a bare majority of 54 per cent are now working class compared with 63 per cent in the Midlands and 65 per cent in the North.

In the South, 21 per cent live in council homes, in the Midlands 25 per cent do and

in the North the figure rises to 31 per cent. The north-south divide is now not just a concept of mind but a psephological fact.

One worrying trend for the Government, which has put considerable effort into seeking to revamp Conservative fortunes north of the border, is that the seven point lead for Labour in Scotland at the election has now been doubled to 15 per cent, with all the collapsed Alliance votes apparently swinging to Labour and little evidence of an increase in support for the nationalists. This will have, no doubt, a substantial implication for the district elections due to take place on May 5 in Scotland.

Among owner occupiers, Labour is taking three votes for every two to the Tories, among private tenants they are practically level but among council tenants, a dwindling group, Labour is taking six extra votes for every one increased support among trades unionists since the last election.

Throughout the last two parliaments, there was a "gender gap" which favoured the Conservatives. Women voters

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That will disappoint the Government, which has been investing heavily in crime prevention schemes in recent months and which has seen a marginal downturn in the crime figures. The explanation may well be the sharp increase in recent weeks after the

Northern Ireland funeral killings because the number giving Northern Ireland as a major issue has risen sharply in the past month from 1 per cent to 15 per cent.

As the accompanying graph shows, there is a high correlation between the Conservative lead over Labour and the Economic Optimism Index - that is the margin between those who expect economic circumstances to improve during the next year and those who expect them to get worse.

Last June, 44 per cent thought things would improve over the year and 28 per cent thought they would get worse, a plus factor of 16 points. In the latest poll, 37 per cent thought things would improve and 26 per cent thought they would get worse, a net optimism figure of 11 per cent.

In terms of satisfaction with the parties and with their leaders, 49 per cent of voters are dissatisfied with Mr Neil Kinnock's performance and 36 per cent satisfied, precisely the same figures as at the general election.

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CHANGE IN VOTING

Comparison of the change in voting intention since the General Election (%)

	All			Men			Women		
	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch
Conservative	43	46	+3	43	46	+3	43	46	+3
Labour	32	38	+6	32	38	+6	32	38	+6
Alliance	23	14	-9	23	14	-9	23	15	-8
Con lead	+11	+8	-3	+11	+7	-4	+11	+9	-2

	ABC1			C2			DE		
	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch
Conservative	54	59	+5	40	42	+2	30	31	+1
Labour	18	23	+5	36	42	+6	48	55	+7
Alliance	28	16	-12	22	13	-9	20	12	-8
Con lead	+36	+36	0	+14	0	-14	+18	+24	+6

	18-24			25-34			35-54		
	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch
Conservative	37	42	+5	39	45	+6	45	47	+2
Labour	39	43	+4	39	39	0	52	36	-16
Alliance	21	10	-11	22	14	-8	24	15	-9
Con lead	-3	-3	0	+6	+6	0	+18	+11	-7

	55+			Trade Unionist			Non TU		
	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch
Conservative	46	47	+1	30	35	+5	47	49	+2
Labour	31	36	+5	42	48	+6	29	35	+6
Alliance	21	15	-6	26	14	-12	22	14	-8
Con lead	+25	+25	0	-12	-13	-1	+18	+14	-4

	North			Midlands			South		
	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch
Conservative	33	35	+2	44	48	+4	62	55	-7
Labour	42	50	+8	33	38	+5	21	27	+6
Alliance	21	12	-9	21	12	-9	27	17	-10
Con lead	-9	-15	-6	+11	+10	0	+31	+28	-3

	Owner occupier			Council tenant			Private tenant		
	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch	GE	Now	Ch
Conservative	50	54	+4	32	23	-9	39	43	+4
Labour	23	29	+6	56	52	-4	52	43	-9
Alliance	25	15	-10	19	11	-8	21	12	-9
Con lead	+27	+25	-2	-34	-39	-5	+2	+11	-9

POLITICAL TRENDS

VOTING INTENTION
Q: How would you vote if there was a general election tomorrow?
Q: Which party are you most inclined to support?

	Con	Lab	All	Oth	Con lead
1988	46%	36%	12%	2%	+14
Jan 22-26	50%	36%	12%	2%	+14
Feb 26-Mar 1	48%	38%	14%	2%	+8
Mar 24-28	46%	37%	14%	3%	+9

* Question to those undecided or refused
† Alliance % split: 8% SLD, 6% SDP (Figs exclude don't know, etc)

STATE OF THE ECONOMY
Q: Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?

	Improve	Same	Worse	Net improve
1988	37%	33%	24%	12%
Jan 22-26	36%	33%	24%	12%
Feb 26-Mar 1	31%	35%	27%	4%
Mar 24-28	37%	29%	26%	11%

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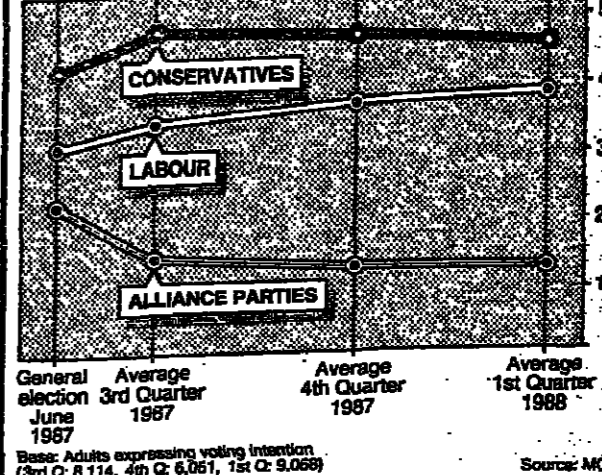
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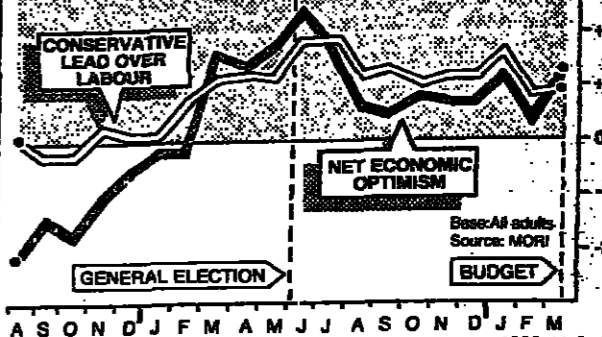
Voting intention since the election

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Base: All adults expressing voting intention (3rd Q: 8,114, 4th Q: 6,061, 1st Q: 9,069) Source: MORI

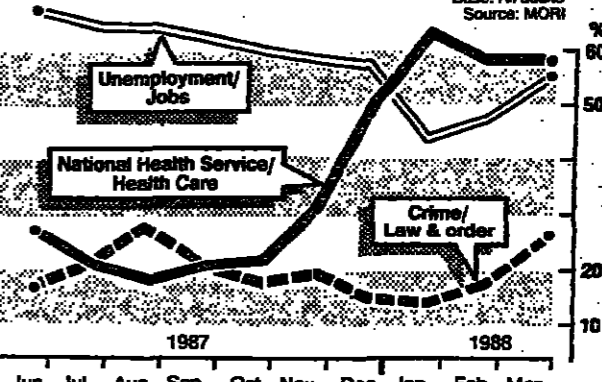
Correlation of change in voting intention and change in economic optimism



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Most important issues

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Closure of Settle line 'thwarted'

By Kerry Gill

One of the most spectacular railway lines in England may be saved from closure after a decision by local authorities to inject £500,000 during the next three years.

Closure of the Carlisle to Settle line was announced by British Rail five years ago.

A committee of representatives from all district councils along the line and the Friends of the Line was formed to fight the proposal and last February the Government said that it would look more favourably on the case if the councils would commit £500,000 towards the crumbling Ribbleshead Viaduct in Yorkshire.

Mr Bill Cameron, chairman of the committee and a Cumbria county councillor, said the £500,000 would be added to £1 million promised by English Heritage and that he was confident the Government would refuse permission for the closure.

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

Mandarin moves on among the dons

The skills and brain power of permanent secretaries are still welcome among the university dons in Scotland.

The proof is with Sir William Fraser, who retired as permanent secretary at the Scottish Office at the end of March. In a few months he will become principal of Glasgow University.

"I don't see myself becoming a great public figure", was his comment in a recent interview.

Yet his knowledge of how Whitehall works could be invaluable for a university which, although it educated Adam Smith, has not fared well in the financial climate willed by Smith's disciples.

His fellow Civil Servants, at least in Scotland, see the appointment as a welcome sign that harsh words of recent years between academia and government have not ruined relations.

Sir William was anxious to dispel a fable about the Scottish Office that he said circulates even in Whitehall.



Sir William: anxious to dispel a fable.

It is that, because of distance, Scottish public administration has been insulated either from the managerial or the financial pressures that engulfed the Civil Service in the 1980s.

The permanent secretary spends three out of five working days not in the "Lalians" which houses the Scottish Office in Edinburgh, but in the more elegant surroundings of Dover House, just up Whitehall from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

BMA protests over legal advertising to encourage claims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The British Medical Association has protested to the Law Society about advertisements by solicitors encouraging people to come forward if they believe they may have a claim for medical negligence or other personal injury.

The protest by the doctors' professional body, which the Law Society has rejected, comes at a time of mounting concern about the growth of negligence actions in the courts and the size of awards.

A massive legal action is being co-ordinated by solicitors for some 1,000 potential claimants over tranquilizers.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, said: "We have complained to the Law Society over what we believe to be an unsuitable kind of advertisement. Solicitors were advertising in the local press, he said, to encourage potential claimants to come forward."

Last year the Law Society launched a free advice scheme under which people can obtain a free initial interview with a solicitor if they think they may have an accident claim. In the first few months this has brought in some 5,000 potential claimants who otherwise would not have

been in contact with a solicitor.

The Law Society also advertises through its professional journal to co-ordinate solicitors handling claims of a similar kind, as in the Zebruges ferry disaster.

Mr Walter Merivick, an assistant secretary general at the society, said it was up to solicitors how they advertised, provided they complied with the society's own code.

If there was a group of claims such as over-Open, the anti-arthritis drug, it was important that potential claimants should be encouraged to come forward within the deadlines set by the court.

The society's view was that if people had a legitimate claim, there was nothing wrong with helping them.

Both the British Medical Association and the Medical Defence Union are forecasting yet another steep rise in insurance premiums for doctors this year, and an increase in "defensive" medicine in the face of mounting negligence claims.

Dr Havard said he thought premiums now standing at £1,000 could well rise to £2,000 this autumn. Similarly Dr John Wall, secretary of the

MDU which indemnifies doctors, predicted a rise in its premiums by "a number of hundreds". Last year rates rose by 87 per cent and the year before by 74 per cent.

Dr Wall said that one effect of actions such as that over tranquilizers was that patients would be taken off the drug even though it was still appropriate to use it.

Another danger was "defensive" medicine, which has huge cost implications for the health service's budget.

Dr Havard said already many ankle sprains were routinely X-rayed, although less than 1 per cent of them would show a fracture and less than 1 per cent of those again would suffer any disability if untreated. X-rays were taken because of possible legal action, not medical indications, he said.

Another instance cited by doctors is the huge number of unnecessary admissions of people with head injuries.

Several medico-legal actions are pending, including ones over "whopping cough" vaccine; the Elixon Shield contraceptive coil; a second Open case; and blood products contaminated with the Aids virus.

JPs losing faith in probation service

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Unquestioning trust and confidence in the probation service no longer exists among many magistrates and much of the public, Mr John Hosking, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, told senior probation officers.

Mr Hosking, speaking at the conference of the National Association of Senior Probation Officers, said the situation had not been helped by the readiness of many probation officers to identify with the defendant rather than the court, and actual or implied criticisms of magistrates' decisions.

He said: "If the probation service seeks to criticize magistrates in public for their inconsistency and over-use of custody, it may actually be criticizing itself."

He said figures suggested that about 12 per cent of social inquiry reports made no recommendation for sentence. Of the remainder, between 60 and 70 per cent were followed by the magistrates.

Mr Hosking said while many probation officers could not bring themselves to mention the word "custody", the chances of improved agreement between probation officers' recommendations and magistrates' decisions were fairly poor.

The high-tech invasion



The march of progress gives invading Vikings high-tech aids to marshal their troops for cameramen filming at Peel, Isle of Man. An American television company is making a series presenting events of the Middle Ages as broadcast news (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

AEU faces revolt on no-strike deals

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the Amalgamated Engineering Union will this week attempt to fight off a revolt among its members to prevent the signing of single-union deals and the acceptance of no-strike agreements.

Decisions taken at the union's conference, which begins today, could be crucial to Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress.

He is seeking a formula to placate the engineers and electricians, who have threatened to break away if their freedom to enter such deals is curbed.

The TUC has been thrown into one of its most damaging splits after the decision of Ford to abandon its plans for a £40 million plant at Dundee because of opposition, led by Mr Ron Todd of the Transport and General Workers' Union, to the single-union deal which had been negotiated by the AEU.

Two motions to be discussed at the conference instruct the executive council to oppose so-called "beauty contests" where unions compete with each other for negotiating rights.

A further six motions condemn the signing of any "no-strike deals" and instruct the leadership to "continue to uphold the right to strike".

Legal aid savings 'wrongly directed'

Government plans to make the legal aid scheme more efficient came under strong attack from the president of the Law Society yesterday.

Mr Derek Bradbeer told a weekend conference held by the society in Exeter that the proposals in the Legal Aid Bill, about to start its passage through the Commons, could "inflict serious damage to the quality of service and the accessibility of justice to the public".

The cost of legal aid, now £405 million a year, had gone up; but it "pales into insignificance" compared with other areas of public spending, such as defence at £18.173 billion; housing at £2.028 billion; education at £3.261 billion and social security at £23.741 billion.

The Government needed to look for value for money in the system but its search for efficiency savings "seems to be very limited and in our view wholly wrongly directed at legal aid".

The Law Society had put forward a number of proposals aimed at greater efficiency in the courts and in legal services, nearly all of which had been either ignored or shelved by the Government, Mr Bradbeer said.

Those plans could lead to greater savings than those anticipated by the government's plans for legal aid and without the risks inherent in such changes, he said.

One reform proposed was in commitments to the crown court where as much as £1 million or even more might be saved. In many cases solicitors need not attend court. Where this happened, then "surely there is no need for the defendant to attend either", Mr Bradbeer said.

"At the moment the cost-

Lawyers and judges command little regard among children, according to a study to be published later this month (David Sapssted writes).

One child said the typical lawyer "lies, plays golf, loans money and sits around". Judges were said to give dancing lessons or "teach you things about Jesus".

The study, partly funded by the Government and carried out by Dr Rhona Fildes at Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology in Aberdeen, delves into how much a group of children, aged between six and 10, understands the law.

While the results provide some mixed views on the legal profession, the study also shows that children fully understand the role of the police and the importance of truth and may be more reliable witnesses than adults.

effectiveness of the change made in January 1987 (so that solicitors need not attend) is undermined by the continuing requirement for the defendant to be there."

Another reform could be made to the duty solicitor scheme whereby solicitors are on call day or night for suspects in police stations. There have been accusations that there is too much standing by, Mr Bradbeer said.

The number of suspects who choose to remain silent while being questioned by detectives has increased enormously, Mr Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police commissioner, told a weekend seminar organized by the Law Society in Oxford. He said a limited survey had shown that more than 20 per cent now exercised the right, compared with 4 per cent when a royal commission reported on the subject in 1979.

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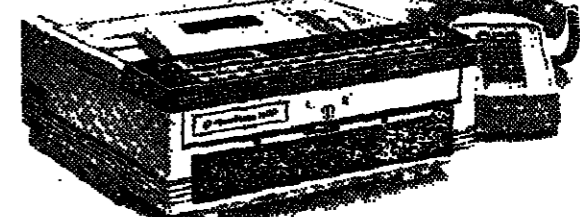
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Vasari painting is gallery's highlight

An Old Master gallery opens in west London tomorrow with an impressive collection of about fifteen newly discovered paintings.

It is the Walpole Gallery in Dover Street, run by the art historian and dealer, Mr Clovis Whitfield.

Top of a shopping list for museums throughout the world is a painting by Giorgio Vasari valued at around \$2 million. It shows trout fishermen bending to their task as they stand in midstream.

Vasari is most famous for his book, *Lives of the Artists*, published in 1550, in which he proposes a theory of progress in art, ranging from Giotto to Michelangelo.

But this huge (196cm x 162cm) work shows he was a great painter in his own right. Commissioned originally by the Grand Duke, Cosimo de Medici for his villa at Poggio a Caiano, it was later exported to Holland as a subject for a tapestry. Mr Whitfield and his team, which includes the Italian dealer Ferdinando Peretti, found it, dark with dirt, at a recent auction, and pieced its story together.

"Art historians don't yet know about it", Mr Whitfield said.

Sotheby's New York was under siege on Saturday as the public poured in for the first day's preview of the Andy Warhol collection. It will be sold over 10 days from next Saturday.

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Despite this upstaging, the printed and manuscript Americana sales went well on Saturday, with documents by Abraham Lincoln in demand. A draft letter of sympathy and support from him "to the army of the Potomac" fetched top price of \$236,500 from a private buyer, more than double its upper estimate.

The second highest lot, the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, in which Lincoln committed himself to freeing the slaves, went to an East Coast private collector for \$190,500 (estimate \$175,000 to \$225,000). The sale, which included a copy of the United States Constitution (\$165,000 against an estimate of up to \$150,000) totalled \$1.3 million with 95 per cent sold.

Meanwhile, Japanese prints and works of art did well at Christie's New York, although a number of sculptures failed to find buyers. The sale totalled \$2.6 million (£1.4 million) with 16 per cent unsold.

Japanese dealers were active. One, from Tokyo, spent \$154,000 (£81,481) on a set of three prints showing street walkers from the main cities of Japan painted by the nineteenth century artist, Chokyoosi Eiri.

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The 260E and 300E. But can you tell the difference?

No-one would suggest that buying a Mercedes-Benz is a decision you should rush or take lightly. Far from it. It's only when you take the time to consider the facts that a Mercedes-Benz seems such an obvious choice. Consider the 300E for example. Like all Mercedes-Benz cars it is not engineered to perform a few specifics superbly well but to perform every function superbly well. Avoiding extremes in any single area, in pursuit of the very highest competence overall. Few cars have the ability to strike the same balance between comfort, handling, performance, safety, reliability and re-sale value. The dilemma then, is when you look for a four door saloon, luxurious in its comfort, tenacious in its road-holding, reassuring in its safety and exhilarating in its performance, is not which car but which other Mercedes-Benz.

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They are power units designed to reconcile very high power and torque output with extreme smoothness and very quiet running in an engine as light and as compact as possible.

Although not exceptionally large engines by today's standards, they are still powerful enough to comfortably shift both cars to test track speeds of over 130 mph.

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But what separates them from each other? The 300E accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in 8.2 seconds and the 260E does it in 9.5 seconds (manufacturer's figures). The difference is 1.3 seconds precisely. By now, you should have made up your mind.



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WORLD ROUNDUP

10,000 march in Warsaw ghetto

Warsaw (Reuter) - Up to 10,000 people marched under opposition banners through the site of Warsaw's former Jewish ghetto yesterday in an illegal commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the uprising there.

The banned demonstration was the climax of ceremonies led by opposition figures who refused to take part in the official commemoration organized by Poland's communist authorities. Thousands of Warsaw residents ignored a police warning that the event was illegal and walked from the main ghetto monument to Umschlagplatz, where in 1942 and 1943 more than 300,000 Warsaw Jews were put on trains to the Nazi extermination camp at Treblinka.

US crime on increase

Washington - In 1987, for the third successive year, serious crime in the US rose on all parts of the country except the West. However, murder, rape and robberies all decreased (Official Bureau figures) figures issued at the weekend by the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed a 2 per cent rise in crime following an increase of 5 per cent in 1985 and 6 per cent in 1986.

New Soviet flight fuel

Moscow - The Soviet Union claims to have opened a new chapter in aviation after the successful test flight last Friday of the first aircraft capable of using liquid hydrogen and liquefied natural gas as fuel (Christopher Walker writes).

Soviet scientists say that because only water and energy are required to liquify hydrogen, the new fuel, known as "cryogenic", is much safer for the environment than oil-based aviation fuels used by international airlines. Reporting the test flight of the experimental HL-55 aircraft, Tass said: "The replacement of oil-based fuel by the fuel based on natural gas will substantially expand the possibilities of passenger aviation in the Soviet Union and will decrease the harmful effect of aircraft on the atmosphere."

Contra 'realpolitik'

Managua - While most of the Contra guerrillas fled to the beach, a Contra spokesman said talks with the Government here throughout the weekend on the terms of a settlement of the civil war (David Gollob writes).

The 40-member Contra group described its arrival in Managua as a "political triumph". However, the three-day peace conference appeared to arouse little public interest. Senior Adolfo Calero, a senior Contra leader, said: "This is realpolitik. I'm a realist". "Our demands have not changed: peace in freedom. We are willing to do the utmost. However, it's not up to us. We have tried to liberate the Nicaraguan people. We have done it through armed struggle. We are ready to do it through political struggle."

Prison rioters give up

Paris - More than 250 prisoners gave themselves up yesterday and released two hostages they had taken after a night of rioting at Ensisheim prison in the Upper Rhine region of eastern France (Our Correspondent writes). Five riot leaders, all serving life sentences, instigated the mutiny on Saturday afternoon to protest against prison conditions. Armed with knives, they took hostage a religious visitor and a young warder.

Air inquiry extended

Washington (Reuter) - The US Government is to widen its safety investigation of Eastern Airlines, owned by Texas Air, to include Continental, the company's flagship airline, the Transportation Secretary, Mr James Burnley, said yesterday. He said the decision to investigate Continental was based on a review of Federal Aviation Administration files which revealed almost \$1 million in potential safety fines pending against the airline. An investigation of safety violations by Eastern was announced last week and so far 19 of its 200 passenger planes have been grounded.

Tape search for clues to Waite abductors

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office will today start searching tape recordings it has just received of telephone conversations Mr Terry Waite conducted immediately before he disappeared in Beirut 15 months ago for clues to the identity of his kidnappers.

The recordings have been accepted as genuine both by Whitehall and by a member of Mr Waite's family. They last five hours and include calls that the archbishop's Canterbury's special envoy made to received on his Beirut hotel phone in January, 1987. It is still not known who made the recordings and why. They were handed in by a Sunday newspaper, which said it obtained them from a Lebanese man, who was too frightened to be identified.

One of the calls came from the British Consul in Beirut, who conducted part of his conversation in somewhat ungrammatical Latin. Mr Frank Gallagher, who has since returned to work at the Foreign Office, apparently intended to warn Mr Waite of a potential new threat to his safety without making his own identity obvious to anyone who might be listening in - but then gave it away by naming himself. According to the *Sunday Express*, the conversation went as follows:

Mr Gallagher: Hello, good afternoon. Is that Terry Waite speaking?

Mr Waite: Speaking.

Mr Gallagher: Good afternoon to you. I've got a little message which I've got to pass on to you. It's a message from London. I want to be quite discreet and introduce myself in guarded terms. *Lupusque Inguinali Latine?* (Do you speak Latin?)

Mr Waite: Yes, I understand.

Mr Gallagher: *Sum Consul.*

Waite disappeared on January 20 - three days after the kidnapping of Herr Rudolf Cordes, a West German manager, and a day before that of Herr Alfred Schmidt, an engineer. Herr Schmidt was released last September, but Herr Cordes is believed still to be in their hands.

No one has claimed responsibility for Mr Waite's disappearance. But if he is held by sympathizers of the Hamadei brothers, they could soon have reason to show their hand. The trial of Mr Abbas Hamadei on charges of abducting the two West Germans is due to reach a verdict tomorrow in Dusseldorf.

It is expected to be followed by Mr Muhammad Hamadei's trial in Frankfurt on murder and hijacking charges stemming from the TWA incident. If either brother is convicted, the supporters may put further pressure on Bonn to release them. Mr Waite would be their ultimate political card.

Last year, the sympathizers claimed responsibility for the kidnappings of the two West Germans and threatened to kill them if Mr Muhammad Hamadei were extradited to stand trial in the US. Bonn admitted that the threat influenced its decision to refuse an extradition request made by Washington. The admission was made in evidence given by Herr Wolfgang Schauble, the Chancellor's Minister, during Mr Abbas Hamadei's trial.

Since then, a further complication in efforts to bring Mr Muhammad Hamadei to trial has emerged. He claims to have been born in July, 1968, which would mean he was a minor at the time of the hijack. This conflicted with evidence from Mr Abbas Hamadei, who said that his brother was 23 or 24. A procedural wrangle over whether he should be tried in an adult or juvenile court remains to be resolved.

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14 die as Palestinians mourn Abu Jihad

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader, yesterday ordered a day of mourning for the death of his deputy, Mr Khalil al-Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad.

And in Jerusalem, Arab sources said that the Palestinian death toll from Saturday's violent protests in the occupied territories after the death of Abu Jihad had risen to 14. It was the highest toll in a single day since Palestinian protests against Israeli occupation erupted in early December.

The Army has imposed a curfew on 15 refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where the worst protests erupted, and many areas were closed to reporters.

The towns of Nablus and Anabta in the northern West Bank were also sealed off, while further north, in Tulkarm, troops shot and wounded two Palestinians as they tried to attack two soldiers with an axe.

Palestinians mourned the death of Abu Jihad yesterday by staging marches and a general strike. Israeli troops wounded eight Arabs in clashes in the occupied territories, hospital officials said.

In the Gaza Strip, where Abu Jihad's relatives live, soldiers fired on teenagers who blocked roads with burning tires and threw stones at the troops. Six youths were wounded, according to officials at Gaza's Shifa hospital.

Israel yesterday continued to maintain a strict silence on the question of who was behind the assassination.

"I heard about it on the radio," was all the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir,



West Bank Arabs mourning Abu Jihad carry wreaths and an Arafat picture through Nablus.

similarity between the weekend operation in Tunis and Israel's 1973 commando raid in Beirut, when three top PLO leaders were killed.

"Even the Israeli Radio news-caster made a Freudian slip in reporting Mr Shamir's comments in Cabinet. 'I heard about the assassination on the telephone,' she quoted the Prime Minister as saying, only to correct herself a few minutes later.

In the occupied territories Jewish settlers and Palestinians alike were convinced Israel had assassinated Abu Jihad.

"I was shocked to hear that Israel, in fighting terror, is using all the means available to it," said Mr Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Binyamin Regional Council in the West Bank.

Whether or not Israel was in fact behind the assassination, analysis here were yesterday suggesting that Israel had ample motive to kill Abu Jihad.

First, it has been pointed out, Abu Jihad has been behind some of the bloodiest attacks committed in Israel - including last month's attack on a bus in the Negev, in which three workers at the country's atomic research facility in Dimona were killed.

Second, there has been growing concern at what many perceive here as the diminishing deterrent image of the Israeli Army in the eyes of the Palestinians as it fails to snuff out the uprising in the occupied territories. A brilliant commando operation against a leading PLO target thousands of miles away might be expected to do much to restore the image and at the same time demoralize the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Third, in some Israeli circles there is little doubt that the killing of Abu Jihad will make it impossible for Mr Arafat to renounce terror and recognize UN Security Council Resolution 242. Mr Arafat was apparently under some pressure to revise his position on both these issues during his visit to Moscow earlier this month, although there is a consensus in Jerusalem against any dealings with the PLO.

Just why Israel should have chosen to remain so coy about what is widely perceived here as a brilliantly conceived and executed operation against a master terrorist remains something of a mystery.

One possibility may be that owing up to the operation would severely embarrass Egypt, the only Arab state with an ambassador in Israel.

Murder of leading PLO man robs peace-seekers of pragmatist

By Robert Fisk

If the Israelis had wished to proscribe both the architect of the current Palestinian uprising and the one man who might have been able to control Palestinian radicals at a future peace conference, they could have done no better than to have killed Abu Jihad. As a guerrilla leader, he was both cunning and pragmatic; as a military administrator, he was the only Palestine Liberation Organisation leader whose influence over his supporters was both intimate and almost total.

In his last days he was planning what he called the "second stage" of the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, arranging - as he disclosed in a handwritten question-and-answer interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper last week - for armed attack on "selected Israeli military targets". He was thinking, it seemed, of just the sort of selective assassination against Israeli Army officers that the PLO believes the Israelis carried out against him.

Those Palestinians who knew Abu Jihad do not believe the version of events being put about in Israel: that he may have been the victim of intercommunal PLO battles. Fratricidal struggle there has often been within the PLO - Abu Jihad had three times escaped attempts on his life, twice in Lebanon - but the timing, the target, the method of operation have all suggested to the PLO that the joint founder of the Fatah guerrilla movement was murdered by the nation upon which he himself declared war in 1965.

The PLO's enemies deride the description of any Palestinian guerrilla as a "moderate" yet Khalil Wazir - which was Abu Jihad's real name - loyally supported Mr Yasser Arafat's concept of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, and Mr Arafat's intimation (unstated in official form) that Israel should be recognized within its international boundaries.

If a new Palestine state had come into being in his lifetime, it would have been Abu Jihad's task to turn his gains against his own people if necessary to prevent them moving into the coastal strip of 1948 Palestine.

Even when the Syrians organized a dissident faction within the PLO to eliminate Mr Arafat in 1983, Abu Jihad clung on in his office in Damascus, driving into Lebanon at night to talk with his guerrillas. One rain-soaked evening, he had travelled down to a Palestinian position in the southern Bekaa scarcely

embrace his unshaven, grubby faced young guerrillas.

In a shabby, breeze-block bungalow with a single naked bulb dangling from the ceiling, he dutifully introduced me to each guerrilla - he knew all their names - and then lectured them on the need for loyalty. "Ask whatever you like - ask about anything to do with the rebellion," he told them. "Don't be afraid, and remember, you are not terrorists (moharabin) - you are soldiers, and you must behave like soldiers."

He travelled on that night, to First Aid posts, to doctors' homes, to water-logged gunpits, saluted by Syrian troops on the checkpoints, aware that his absence would have precipitated most of his forces in the Bekaa into the hands of Damascus. He described the PLO rebel leader, Abu Saleh, as "misguided" rather than a traitor, although

Abu Jihad's men eventually drove Mr Arafat's and Abu Jihad's guerrillas out of Lebanon.

I saw him next on the concrete mole at the northern harbour at the Lebanese city of Tripoli waiting for the Greek cruise ships which would take his surrounded men into exile. He was fatter, than he had been a few months earlier, his face flabby and unhealthy, injured to defeat at the hands of fellow Arabs. What did he think now of his revolution, I asked him.

He had shrugged, staring all the time out to sea at the white hulled boat that would take him and his men to safety; "It is another exodus," he said. The irony clearly hurt him.

In the end, the Syrians flung him out of Damascus - much as he was later ejected from Amman when Mr Arafat's flirtation with King Husain of Jordan ended in 1986 - and

Palestinian operations of that kind - as Abu Jihad knew but did not say - also involved the killing of civilians.

Abu Jihad, of course, lived by the sword and in the Middle East those who do so very occasionally die along with the innocent. Mr Arafat has now seen the name of his lifelong and trusted friend added to the list of "martyrs" which the Palestinian revolution is supposed to enshrine. Abu Jihad's greatest contribution to that revolution, however, would have been to keep it in check after a political settlement. Another of the evils that potential future peace has thus been cut away.

Those Israelis who believe that a deal will eventually have to be done with the Palestinian leadership now have one fewer pragmatist to deal with; which means that both sides have lost.



Abu Jihad: Planning 'second stage' of Arab protests.

Britain battling to modify 1992 vision

After initial doubt and scepticism, Britain is to play a full part in the single European market of 1992 - provided controversial EEC schemes, such as VAT harmonization, are altered or shelved.

As Britain's 1992 campaign gets under way today, the emerging view is that the original plan for a "Europe without frontiers", by Lord Cockfield, the Commissioner for the Internal Market, must be modified to meet UK concerns.

The VAT issue, which comes to a head today, highlights a hidden struggle between Mrs Thatcher and the more "visionary" of Brussels senior Eurocrats over the shape of the post-1992 Community. And on the VAT question, at least, Britain seems to be winning.

The UK's 1992 campaign, designed to alert British businessmen and consumers to the coming challenge of cross-frontier competition, is launched today by Mrs Thatcher and Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, at Lancaster House. Simultaneously, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and senior Treasury officials will be at a meeting of EEC finance ministers in Luxembourg with the aim of quietly

putting paid to Community moves to end VAT zero rating in Britain of basic products such as food and fuel.

The EEC Finance Council, chaired by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Finance Minister, has a crowded agenda. This includes the implications for the EEC of the attempt by the Group of Seven in Washington last week to keep exchange rates under control.

Herr Stoltenberg - at least in private - will renew his plea to Mr Lawson to persuade Mrs Thatcher that sterling should be a full member of the European Monetary System by 1992.

But for British officials, the most important item on the Luxembourg agenda is the interim report of the EEC's economic and monetary committee. Nothing could sound less gripping. But the report is the culmination of a behind-the-scenes campaign by Britain to swing Community opinion against the VAT proposals put forward by Lord Cockfield.

When he produced his blueprint for 1992 three years ago, many British officials were sceptical and failed to take the plan seriously. But it has since been approved by EEC summit, with the 1992 date

written into the Treaty of Rome. In response to criticism, much of it from the UK, Lord Cockfield nowadays talks of "approximation" rather than harmonization, with VAT rates falling into two broad bands, one between 14 and 20 per cent and another between 4 and 9 per cent for basic items.

But even this is regarded by Downing Street, the Treasury

proposals are not on. France has drawn up its own report on the likely cost to the French economy. Spain and Portugal would have to increase their indirect taxation while the Danes and Italians would have to implement cuts.

Officials said yesterday that Sir Geoffrey's monetary committee can only make an interim report to finance ministers today, because the Commission has yet to come up with detailed costings of the 1992 programme.

But the Litter report seems likely to stop the Cockfield plan in its tracks by arguing that while border costs must be reduced to ease the flow of goods across frontiers, there is no case for VAT harmonization. If distortions do arise after 1992, it says, market forces will oblige governments to make adjustments.

The Commission has not yet lost the VAT battle. It has an ally in West Germany, which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers. Only last week, Bonn declared its determination to press ahead with several 1992 measures, including VAT harmonization, before it hands over the presidency in July.

But time is short. Finance ministers will give further consideration to the Litter

Red Brigades shoot advisor at heart of De Mita's plans

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Italian Red Brigades have hit at the heart of the political establishment by murdering a close adviser of the new Prime Minister, Signor Ciriaco De Mita, only days before Signor De Mita was due to be confirmed in office by Parliament.

The killing on Saturday of Professor Roberto Ruffilli, aged 51, a member of the Senate and a leading strategist of the Christian Democratic Party, comes hard on the heels of the bombing by a Japanese and Middle Eastern group of a United States club in Naples, and raises the fear that Italy is again heading for a period of protracted terrorism.

The danger may be more apparent than real, but the three shots pumped into the head of Professor Ruffilli at least signal the continuing efficiency of the Red Brigades.

The professor of modern history was one of the key advisers to the new Prime Minister on institutional reform. It is this issue - how to stop the incessant government crises and the collapse of coalitions - that will decide the long-term stability of Ital

ian politics. The target was thus carefully chosen.

The telephone communication announcing the crime ("We have carried out an attack on the heart of the state") was transmitted by the Party of Communist Combat-

not serve the purposes of terrorism. But the murder has virtually destroyed the prospects of a new government declaring an amnesty for imprisoned Red Brigades terrorists who have dissociated themselves from violence.

The conspiracy theory is that this was the point of the weekend attack - the Red Brigades on the run are not enthusiastic about the release of their former comrades.

Meanwhile, Italian police now believe that a Japanese woman, dubbed the Queen of Terror, planned the deadly bomb attack on the US servicemen's club in Naples last week.

The head of Digos counter-intelligence in Naples, Dr Romano Argenio, said the woman, identified as Fusako Shimegobu, was seen with the man suspect, Junzo Okudaira, eight hours before the car bomb was placed. Five people were killed and 20 injured in the blast.

The Italians believe that the two Japanese - both veterans of several bomb and rocket attacks - were working with Lebanese Shia Muslims.



Professor Ruffilli: Planning stability for Italian politics.

Final polls put Mitterrand well ahead

From Our Correspondent, Paris

With one week to go before the first round of voting in France's presidential elections, the last two opinion polls gave President Mitterrand a 15-point lead at the weekend over his nearest rival, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, and a 19-point lead over the other right-wing candidate, M Raymond Barre.

According to a poll in the weekly *Le Point* magazine, which came out on Saturday, two days before the deadline for publication of opinion polls, M Mitterrand will receive 37 per cent of the vote next Sunday over M Chirac's 22 per cent and M Barre's 18 per cent. The *Liberation* newspaper poll, also published on Saturday, gave each candidate one percentage point more, but kept the ratio between them the same.

Electioneering among all the nine candidates will intensify this week, not only to try to narrow the gap between one another but also in preparation for the second round run-off vote on May 8.

President Mitterrand is now definitely on the campaign trail and seems to be enjoying it, although energetic campaigning by M Chirac has closed the gap between them.

Gone is the sphinx-like smile of a president who considered himself above the political mêlée. In its place is a forceful approach designed to rebuff M Chirac's allegations that at 71 he is too old for the

job, and is basing his programme and the country's political future on "wait and see" tactics. His Socialist Party, initially instructed to play a supporting role, is also out there and fighting.

M Chirac's battle is two-edged. With his full neo-Gaullist RPR party machine behind him, he will be fighting to close the gap with M Mitterrand further this week and prove himself the most credible of the right-wing leaders.

The tide against M Barre, the self-styled tortoise to M Chirac's hare, is beginning to turn. In the latest opinion polls he has gained a couple of points instead of losing more. M Barre has always maintained that the public would see the value of his solid-citizen approach over the American-style campaigns of the other two, but it is unlikely that he could draw even with M Chirac before the end of the week.

To have a chance of winning the second round, M Chirac must win over not only the Barre vote but also that of M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front. He must try to satisfy both the centre right and the extreme right, and it is by no means certain that he can do so.

M Le Pen, with 10 per cent in the latest polls, is in the position he likes best — that of a disturbing influence. While taking only occasional stipes at M Mitterrand and M Barre,



President Mitterrand receiving the helping hand of supporters in Marseille in southern France at the weekend as campaigning intensifies for voting in next Sunday's first round of the presidential election.

he continues to attack M Chirac.

M Mitterrand also has to play the vote-grabbing game, and the Socialists are meanwhile courting M Barre's supporters for the second round. The small 6 or 7 per

cent Communist vote counts for little. The two extremes, the Communists and the National Front, held rallies in Marseille at the weekend. Once again M Le Pen appeared to have had the advantage, for while it poured down on the Communist candidate,

M Andre Lajoie, the sun was out for M Le Pen, who called this meeting the culmination of his campaign. M Mitterrand received the best tribute to the fact that he is not yet over the hill when, between a porn show and a press conference in Lyons, the Italian

Radical Party deputy Ms Iona Staller, the stripper "Ciccolina", said that she loved men who were "beautiful inside" and declared her support for him. In vain the local French Radical Party representative tried to point out that they, in fact, supported M Barre.

Diouf battles political and economic ills

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

Pomp and ceremony do not have a place in the everyday routine of President Diouf of Senegal. While some other African heads of state are surrounded by courtiers and even television cameras when talking to the press, meeting Mr Diouf for his first exclusive newspaper interview since he won a second five-year term in February and the riots that followed is a simple matter of being ushered into his office.

There the President — a tall, 6 ft 6 in man with a courtly bearing — rises from his desk, suggesting the more comfortable armchairs on the other side of the room for a one-to-one chat.

Two years ago Mr Diouf was riding on the crest of a wave. His one-year term as

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chairman of the Organization of African Unity had confirmed him as an African president of international stature. He was known for his straightforward approach to conflicts and especially his success in organizing the special United Nations conference on African debt.

But even at that time there were warnings that he was not paying sufficient attention to problems back home, where his IMF-backed economic austerity programme was having serious social repercussions in an already poor country.

The President is aged 52 but the grey hairs have multiplied as those problems have worsened. Some say he has clamped down too hard since the February unrest. The state of emergency, which includes a nightly curfew and the banning of all public demonstrations, goes against the grain for a people who have always spoken their minds, and plays into the hands of the imprisoned opposition leaders who can portray themselves as martyrs.

But he is adamant that the measures are necessary. "People must understand that democracy is not anarchy," he said, referring to the rioting in Dakar the day after the elections. "I am a democrat right to my soul, but there is a limit. If I don't take action now there could be bloodshed the next time. I do this today so that tomorrow it will not happen again."

The chief opposition leader, Mr Abdoulaye Wade, and other opposition figures are not in prison for political reasons but because they broke the law, he said. The personal animosity between the President and Mr Wade is well known. "There are so many times when I could have put him in prison and have not done so — but this time he has gone too far," Mr Diouf said, referring to the charges that Mr Wade incited the rioting by criticizing the President and his accusations of electoral fraud.

"Mr Wade will come to trial as soon as possible. I am not going to pardon him. It is said that if I don't he will become a martyr, but justice must take its course," he said. No date

has been set for the trial. Meanwhile talks continue between students, on strike since January over facilities and teaching standards, and the new Education Minister. "Sometimes a new face at a Ministry helps to change the atmosphere. I don't want the school year wasted and hope to avoid it, but if there is no agreement then the students must face the consequences," the President said.

Mr Diouf agreed that the IMF and World Bank should now rethink their strictly economic solutions for Senegal and other African countries. "I should say they should be rethinking," he said. "If Mr Wade was able to make his demagogic attacks and touch a part of the population during the campaign, it was because I had the courage to apply the austerity programme vital to our country, but for which there must be sufficient social support."

He spoke of cuts in the agricultural and industrial sectors which have put thousands out of work, the streamlining in education which has backfired, and falling raw material prices. "Don't talk to me about world groundnut prices — it is a disaster for us," he said, putting his hands to his head. "We are told we must have growth, but it is difficult to have austerity and growth at the same time."

To those in Europe who

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believe Africa has become a lost cause, developing politically but unable to create its own economic momentum since independence, he said: "We have been let down by the international donors. We gave precise figures as to what we were prepared to spend to streamline our economies and this was matched with international promises to invest for growth. We have made our austerity sacrifices and the ground has been prepared, but the international promises of help have not been kept."

The President is aware that he must continue to juggle seemingly insoluble problems and break through the official party propaganda machinery around him if he is to get his message through to the people. Indeed, his survival over the next five years depends on it.



President Diouf: Defends jailing the opposition.

Athens and Tirana sign trade accord

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Albania and Greece yesterday signed their first postwar trade agreement aimed at encouraging the flow of goods and services at local level along their rugged 154-mile mutual border.

For Albania, a hardline communist state, this was a significant step away from the isolation imposed about three decades ago after ideological rifts with Moscow and Peking.

The agreement was signed by the Albanian and Greek Foreign Ministers, Mr Reis Malile and Mr Karolos Papoulias, in the town of Ioannina, just south of the border. It marked the end of a three-day official visit to Greece by Mr Malile, the first such visit by an Albanian Foreign Minister since the Second World War. Mr Papoulias was in Albania last November at the head of a Greek ministerial delegation. An exchange of visits by the two Prime Ministers is due soon.

After two days of talks, Mr Malile and Mr Papoulias spent an informal weekend on Corfu, the north-eastern tip of which is separated from Albania by a narrow waterway. The two nations have already agreed to establish a ferry link between the island and the Albanian port of Sarande, enabling the thousands of British tourists holidaying on Corfu to have a glimpse of Albania.

The Greek Government is anxious to open up more access routes between the two countries in the hope that

security-conscious Albania will ease restrictions on contact between the 200,000-strong Greek minority and their relatives in Greece.

However, the Albanians are still moving with extreme caution. Commercial transactions between the two countries are improving, but closer economic co-operation is inhibited by Albania's constitutional ban on foreign investments or loans.

Nonetheless, the nature of Greek-Albanian relations has changed in a "historically significant" way, according to Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister. After a meeting with the Albanian Foreign Minister on Friday he announced he had accepted an invitation to visit Tirana in the next two months.

The Greek leader takes much of the credit for the groundwork that led to this improvement. He renounced all Greek territorial claims on Albania and last August terminated the theoretical state of war existing between the two countries since the Italians used Albania for their attack on Greece in 1940.

The Papandreu Government has been severely criticized for making these concessions without securing guarantees for the respect for the human rights of Albania's Greek minority. Greek leaders took advantage of the Albanian Foreign Minister's visit to express their "continuing and unflagging concern for the well-being of the Greek minority".

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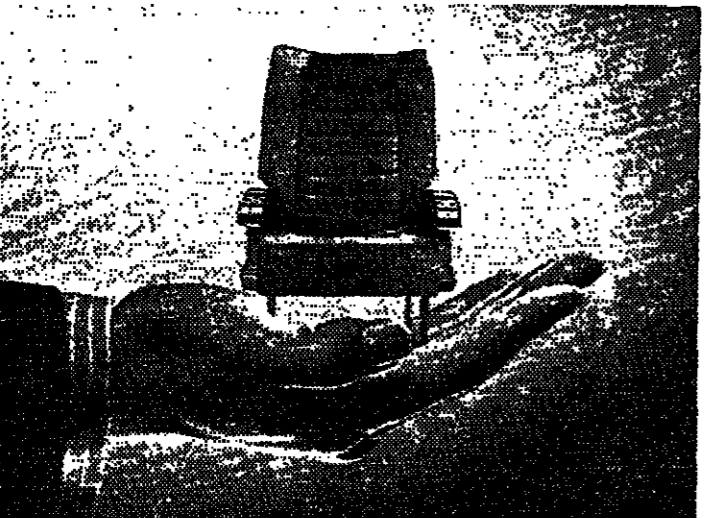
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Cattle rustlers from Sudan slaughter 190 Kenya villagers

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

Cattle rustlers from southern Sudan slaughtered more than 190 men, women and children in a raid into north-western Kenya, officials said yesterday. The attack happened west of Lokichokio, a small town close to the Sudanese border.

It is the worst such incident for many years, but because the Turkana tribe's homesteads are so remote news of the attack last Wednesday only reached here at the weekend.

Local Kenyan troops and police killed 20 of the raiders. Another 20 were killed by security forces pursuing them as they attempted to drive thousands of cattle, sheep and goats towards the border. Kenyan security forces used light aircraft to stop the raid, understood to have been carried out by Toposa and Dongiro tribesmen from Western Equatoria. The southern Sudanese province is controlled by Sudanese People's Liberation Army rebels. By the time Kenyan security forces reached some of the more remote homesteads, the sky was black with vultures, and hyenas had feasted on the corpses, leaving only bones and skulls, according to a report in Kenya's Sunday Nation newspaper.

The war between the rebels from the mainly Christian and animist south of Sudan and

the northern, Muslim-backed Government in Khartoum has given tribesmen access to automatic weapons, adding a lethal aspect to cattle rustling in the area.

The border, and the country around it, is mostly unmapped and unpatrolled. The tribes largely ignore the frontier in centuries-old competition for grazing land. Even the two Governments pay little attention to it. Lokichokio, officially the only Kenyan Customs and border post on the border, is 20 miles from the nearest point on the political boundary and even further from most of the administrative boundary, which places in a large area of Sudanese territory, known as the Elemi triangle, under Kenyan control.

The inter-tribal competition has intensified because of a population increase and the encroachment of the desert in already arid territory. Only last month armed Somali rustlers hacked 15 Boran tribesmen to death and stole 2,500 goats in north-eastern Kenya in what was then considered the worst such incident for years.

Members of a crack paramilitary police force, the General Service Unit, have been sent to Lokichokio to help round up the raiders and stolen livestock. It is understood that most of the animals

have already been recovered, but the raiders are now likely to have returned to their bases across the border.

Kenya is sympathetic to the Sudanese rebels' cause, allowing movement of supplies and personnel across the border and offering to mediate between the rebels and Khartoum. After last week's events, however, Kenya will expect the rebels to exert much more discipline.

Mr Hans Luyemburger, a Nairobi-based official of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said 31 people wounded in the raid had been treated at the relief agency's field hospital in Lokichokio.

The Sunday Nation quoted the Rift Valley Provincial Commissioner, Mr Muhammad Yusuf Haji, as saying that about 400 raiders armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons were involved. They had killed men, women and children indiscriminately and left their bodies for vultures and hyenas.

Sudan's envoy to Kenya, Ambassador Omar el-Sheikh, said the raiders may have been connected with the Sudanese rebels. "It appears that this is the first time we have had such a raid, at least of such a magnitude," he said, noting that there had only been minor skirmishes between the Sudanese Toposa tribe and the Turkana in the past.

Hail of rocks greets Korean candidate



Mr Lee Young Il, left, a South Korean ruling party candidate, protecting himself and a colleague with a steel folding chair from a hail of stones thrown by opponents during a parliamentary election campaign rally in Kwangju. Several people were injured as youths backing a candidate from the opposition Peace and Democracy Party began stoning Mr Lee and his supporters (AFP reports).

Rival campaign workers were also involved in the clash on Saturday. The incident began when Mr Lee, a Democratic Justice Party candidate, spoke while followers of the opposition were carrying their candidate shoulder-high after he had addressed a joint rally, witnesses said.

Elsewhere, rallies held in 116 of South Korea's 224 constituencies were generally peaceful, officials said. President Roh's party is expected to triumph over a

divided opposition in the National Assembly elections on April 26.

TOYOYO: A South Korean college professor has defected to the North, the North Korean Central News Agency said at the weekend (Reuters reports).

The agency, monitored here, identified the defector as Li U Gap, aged 52, an associate professor of the Kunsan Business College. He arrived in Pyongyang last Friday.

Burmese Army hits opium refineries

Bangkok (AFP) - The Burmese Army has captured a series of opium refineries and military camps belonging to ethnic and communist insurgents in an anti-narcotics drive in the Golden Triangle, Rangoon radio said.

The broadcast said the Government had launched an offensive on March 17 against ethnic Wa insurgents, capturing seven camps and opium refineries. Troops also overran camps and opium refineries belonging to the Burmese Communist Party. Government casualties were put at 27 dead, while 57 Wa insurgents were killed.

Rome strike

Rome (Reuters) - Rome's two airports were paralyzed by a 12-hour air traffic controllers' strike yesterday.

Boat rescue

San Juan (AFP) - A boat which drifted for 10 days has been towed by a US Coast Guard cutter to the Puerto Rican capital. All 35 people on board were reported to be in relatively good condition.

Ice deaths

Moscow (Reuters) - At least five fishermen died in the Baltic republic of Latvia while fishing through ice when it started to melt.

Air crashes

Sydney (Reuters) - Six people died in two air crashes, one involving a helicopter in western Sydney and the other a light plane in Brisbane.

Reform in China

Zhao fights on for fast change

By a Correspondent

The official Peking line on the latest session of the Chinese Parliament, the National People's Congress, this month was that it was the most democratic ever.

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reform programme. At the same time that the establishment of the biggest and most advanced special economic zone, Hainan Island, was up for approval, they questioned the Deng-Zhao theory that rapid coastal development would benefit their provinces by wealth trickling inland.

Deputies claimed that this was not happening and that they were not prepared to tolerate what they saw as neglect of their interests. Some called for special economic zones in the interior. More realistically, many called for economic development policies tailored specifically to the needs of the interior. Little notice seems to have been taken of this by the policy-makers.

What really aroused the ire of Peking university students was education policy. Mr Zhao and Mr Li have proposed that teachers and schools should solve their own funding problems by becoming entrepreneurial.

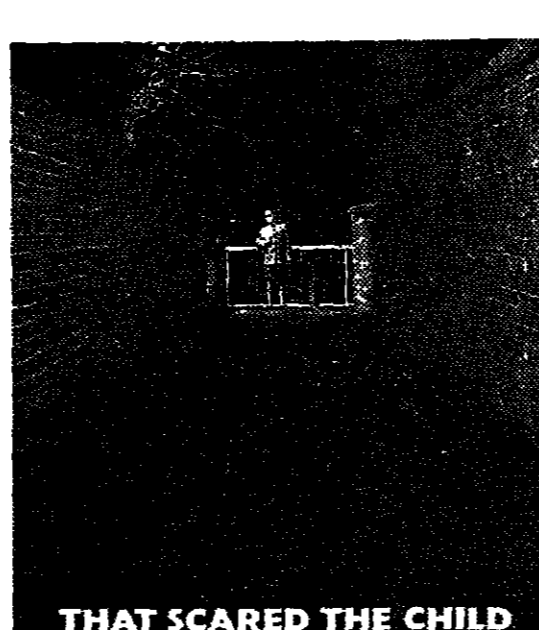
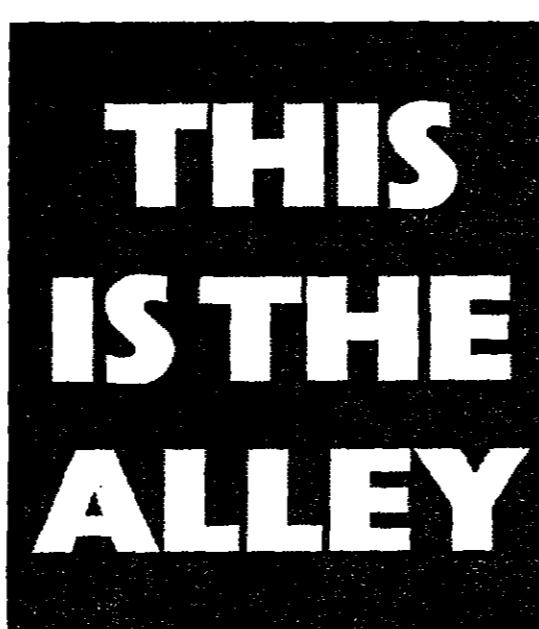
Deputies have made their opposition to the proposals clear, while university students staged a sit-in in Peking's Tiananmen Square, pasted up protest posters, and even suggested sarcastically that they would offer shoeshines to NPC members - at a price. Mr Li could only say that the deputies' suggestions would be taken note of.

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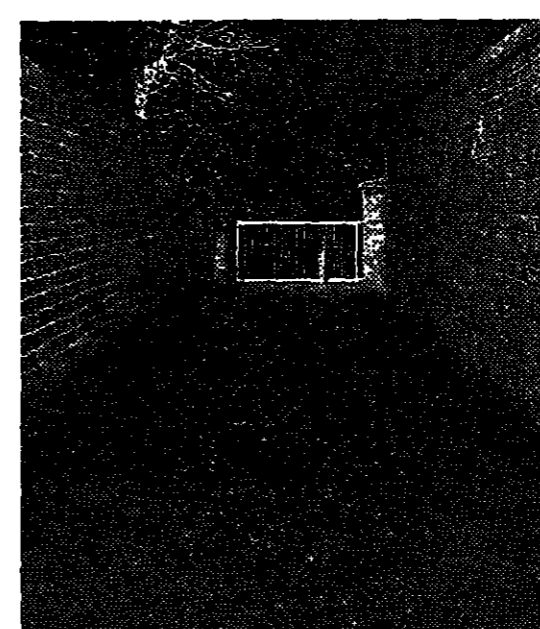
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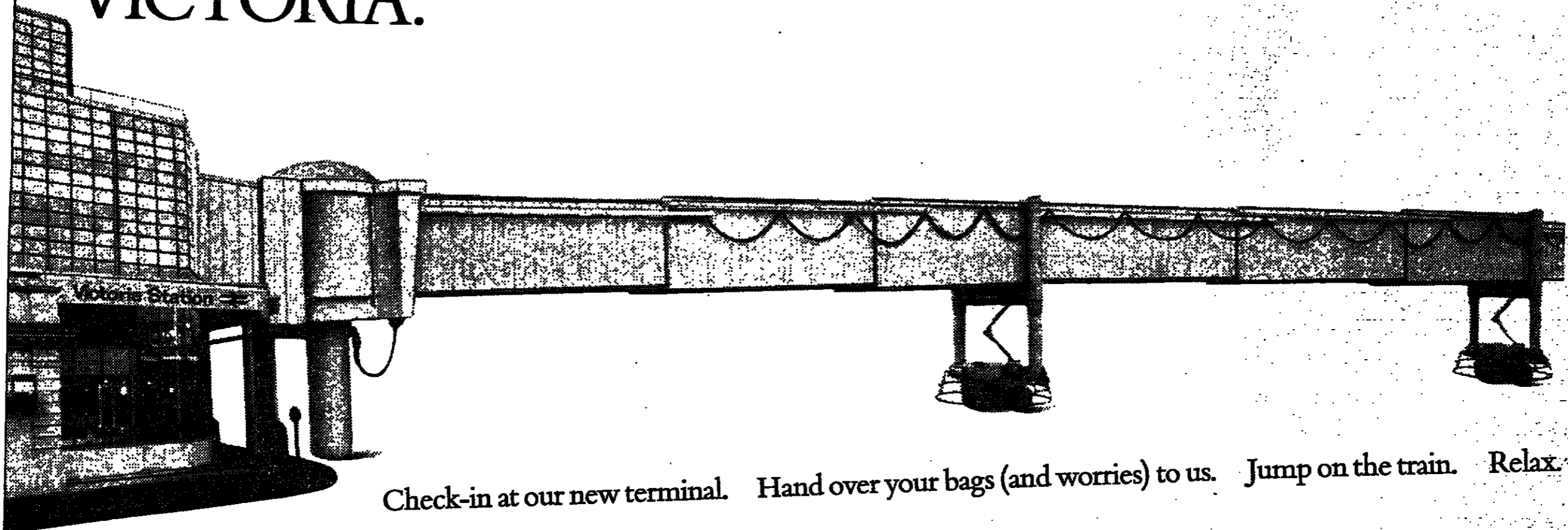
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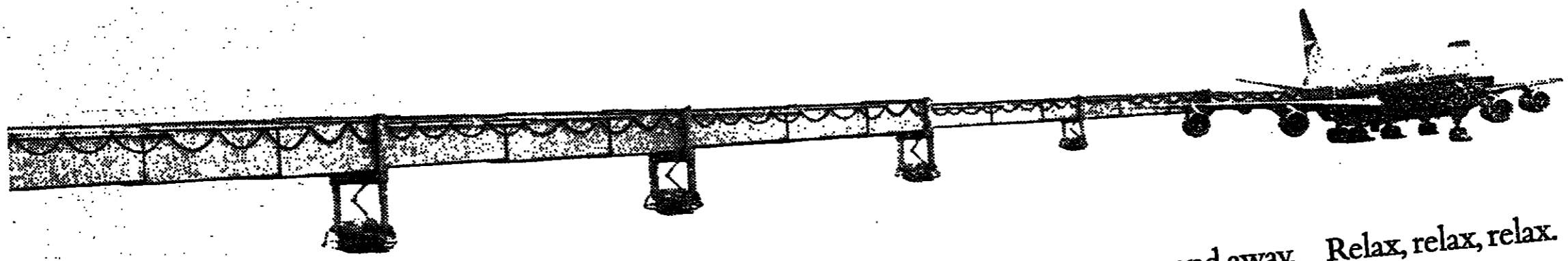
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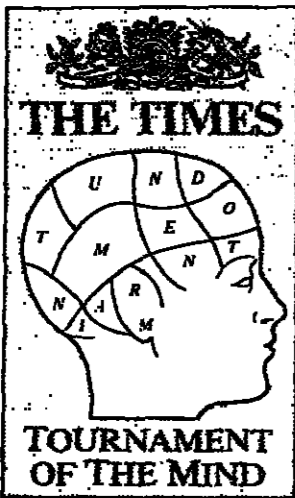
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SCHOOLS' FINAL - ROUND ONE

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The letters of the word ANTARCTIC have been placed haphazardly in the square below. By starting at the bottom left-hand A and moving upwards to the top right-hand C, you will find more than one way of collecting all the letters contained in ANTARCTIC, in any order. You cannot move diagonally or collect more than nine letters. How many ways are there?

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2. VERBAL

Can you think of two words of the same six letters which will replace the stars in this sentence: Despite her mother's * * * * * she still trembled from the * * * * * of the night.

3. MATHS

Can you work out the logic of this series of numbers and then tell us what should come next?

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4. MISCELLANEOUS

Four cog wheels are in constant mesh. The largest has 1,221 teeth, the next one has 121, the next has 12 and the smallest has 5 teeth. How many revolutions will the largest cog have to make before all the cogs return to their original position?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which German tribe from North Jutland defeated the Romans in 113 BC and was finally defeated by Marius?
2. Which churchman and saint wrote *Etymologiae*?
3. Name the president of the provisional government of Czechoslovakia in London during World War II?
4. What name is given to the semi-desert area in East Ethiopia enclosed by Somalia, except to the west?
5. What word is used to describe the underground system of distribution of forbidden publications in the Soviet bloc?

You really must have a glass

The great illusion at the heart of society is that alcohol is not a drug. In the first part of a series, Jancis Robinson examines the way we drink — and the rituals which ensure there are few who do not

None of us drinks alcohol. We drink delicious, liberating, inspiring or socially significant liquids which happen to contain alcohol. Yet alcohol is a powerful drug. No matter how many of us see it as a necessary adjunct to our lives, it is abhorred by a high proportion of the world's major religions and viewed by some as the fount of all evil. How is it that this potentially dangerous substance is so enmeshed in our culture that there are long periods of the week and year when mild intoxication is a majority state for the nation, and teetotalists are regarded as social deviants?



THE DEMON DRINK PART ONE

Like some national monuments, alcohol's position in our society is so entrenched that we hardly even notice it. Throughout childhood, most of us observe it playing a central role in the social life of our parents. We see them taking a drink with friends, even our teachers, when they want to oil or cement a relationship. The act of drinking is regarded as an important symbol of adulthood. Most of Britain's dominant faiths — Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Judaism — sanction alcoholic drinking by virtue of incorporating it into religious ritual. Shock and accident are widely treated with a tot of strong drink and we have soothed our troops with free alcohol for centuries. All important life events —

marriage, successes at work and play — are toasted, and even funerals are marked by communal drinking. State banquets and toasts continue to play an essential symbolic part in international diplomacy. Many social groupings with an ostensibly sporting purpose appear to revolve around drink and drinking. Our apparently relaxed attitude to alcohol brings a number of benefits. Because much less guilt attaches to social drinking in this country than in, say, Sweden, binge drinking is far less common (although it is notable that the more Nordic the area in Britain, the more prevalent it is). But we are still hampered by the extraordinary rituals and values we attach to all

drinks that happen to contain alcohol. It is the dogmatism with which we insist that to drink is normal, to abstain abnormal, that suggests our attitudes to alcohol are not quite as relaxed as they seem. Drinking with non-drinkers is uncomfortable. Is this because we know they won't be wearing glasses tinted rose by ethanol when viewing us? Or because we do actually feel some guilt about our own drinking?

Unlike members of Mediterranean cultures, the typical drinking Briton is intolerant of those who do not join him in strong drink. More than an element of the antipodean "drunk equals macho" phenomenon can still be observed in Britain today, especially in Scotland and parts of northern England. Those who want or have to drink "soft" often have to sacrifice their social life entirely.

One hurdle to overcome before Britain could ever be said to have adopted sensible attitudes to drinking is the "treating" system of buying rounds of drinks at a time. Many men who pare to the minimum their contribution to the household expenses spend disproportionate amounts in the pub, club or bar treating fellow drinkers to drinks.

In the more "sophisticated" social settings of contemporary Britain, where abstinence would be perfectly understandable — lunch in a



Francis Marley

West End restaurant in the middle of a heavy working day, for instance — a complicated social minuet has often to be danced between lunchers who don't want to drink, to ensure that such restraint will not upset the other lunch partner(s).

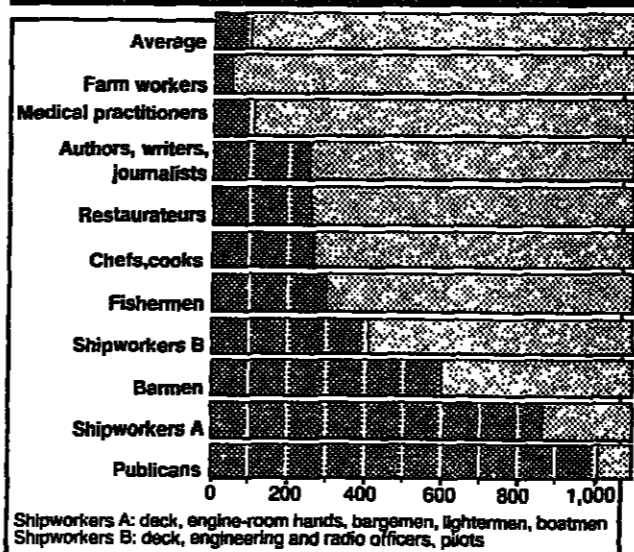
Why are we all so active in encouraging each other to drink? It may be partly a misplaced sense of generosity to provide plentiful supplies of lubrication in its most highly taxed and expensive form. But could it also be that by spreading responsibility we are lessening our own guilt?

Our total drinking, calculated in per capita consumption of pure alcohol, rose steadily after the war until the recession of 1979. It dipped in 1980, '81 and '82, since when we have been drinking very slightly more, although the 1985 figure of 7.1 litres of pure alcohol per head is still considerably below the peak of 7.5 litres we averaged in 1979. There are also healthy signs that our total national consumption is being spread over more drinking occasions.

The most notable recent change in our drinking habits has been not in how much we drink, but in what we are drinking. Historically, we have been known as beer drinkers. In 1979, however, our beer consumption peaked, with an average annual consumption of nearly 215 pints a head, representing 60 per cent of the pure alcohol the average Briton consumed. Since 1979, beer sales have fallen considerably.

This decline in consumption of the *pub's raison d'être* merely mirrors the decline in the role played by the pub in British society. It probably reflects, too, the much more ingeniously innovative approach of those trying to make

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS



Taking the average rate of male mortality from cirrhosis as 100, the chart shows that a fisherman is three times more likely to die from drink, while a publican runs 10 times the average risk

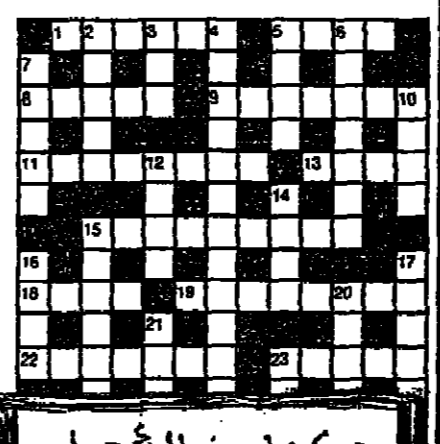
money from new spirit-based drinks and, more poignantly, the decreased spending power of the traditional beer drinker: the male manual worker in some of Britain's more depressed areas.

Our affair with wine is just one example of the overall direction of Britain's drinking habits, away from drinks with a high alcohol content. In drawing rooms all over England, gins and tonics and whiskeys and sodas are giving way to glasses of wine and even mineral water. Restaurant trolleys loaded with brandies and liqueurs clink increasingly pointlessly between the tables. The cork-screw has taken over from the ice bucket: the cocktail cabinet has joined the Wurlitzer as a curious artefact from the recent past.

Adapted from Jancis Robinson on the Demon Drink, to be published by Mitchell Beazley next Monday (£9.95).

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- 1 Framewerk (6)
 - 5 Knave (4)
 - 8 Correct (5)
 - 9 Go forward (7)
 - 11 Tagetes (8)
 - 13 Pulse (4)
 - 15 Trojan siege Greek leader (9)
 - 18 Impetuous (4)
 - 19 Uprour (8)
 - 22 Participated (7)
 - 23 Rock of Gibraltar (5)
 - 24 Soothing comfort (4)
 - 25 Robert MacGregor (3,3)
- DOWN
- 2 Bode (5)
 - 3 Inform (3)
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THE KEYS TO THE LIQUOR CABINET

Many of us feel we hardly need expensive research to confirm a strong correlation between alcohol consumption and occupation. Some jobs incorporate alcohol in the working routine. Those in and around the drinks trade, from publican to gin salesman, bonded warehouse-keeper, wine merchant, distillery worker, even excise-man, all have obvious and constant exposure to strong drink during the working day. But in many less obvious work-places, the key to the office drinks cabinet is seen as one of the tokens of professional advancement — together with the sanctioning of lunchtime drinking on an expense account. Alcohol is used as a positive reward for employees above a certain level by many employers who rarely seem to examine the consequences of unrestrained consumption during the working day.

However, the employer's role as monitor of alcohol problems is becoming a key factor in the theory of good management — even the police have a special unit to deal with this problem in the force. But it seems that most employers accept drinking by their employees within surprisingly narrow limits: too little can jeopardize the business of socializing with clients (and colleagues); too much may lead to summary dismissal, as though the problem were entirely independent of the employer and the structure of the job.

Of course, there is one demanding and under-researched occupation which in many cases exposes the worker to drink throughout the working routine without supervision of any sort: that of housewife or "home-maker".

Young children may not supervise, but they do monitor, which can act as a natural brake on the daytime drinking habits of a parent. But the reaction of many who are suddenly left alone in the home all day with unaccustomed free time, whether because of the departure of offspring or bereavement, is to turn too enthusiastically to the bottle.

Martin Plant, Director of

the University of Edinburgh's Alcohol Research Group, has isolated those factors in a job that are most likely to encourage consumption and, possibly, lead to alcohol problems. Availability is, of course, of prime importance. Those who are self-employed or work unsupervised are also more prey to the ravages of over-indulgence, but a particular pressure felt by, for example, travelling salesmen and sailors is that of being separated from normal social and sexual routines and relationships.

It is also observable, apparently, that alcohol problems tend to develop in those with either a particularly high income and plenty of money to lavish on the drinks cabinet, or a particularly low one, with many a sorrow to drown. Stressful, hazardous occupations may also encourage (and perhaps excuse) heavy drinking. This has been the traditional excuse for the medical profession's hard-drinking record.

In the 1970s doctors were more than three times as likely to die from chronic liver disease or cirrhosis than the average.

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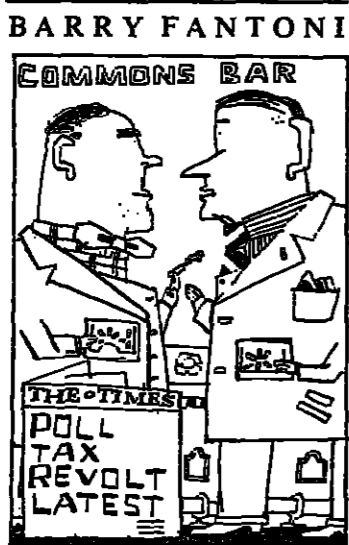
CLEMENT FREUD

New York
New Yorkers are distinguishable from other citizens by being their own people, doing their own things. If you own a restaurant, as does one Mr Nicholson on 58th Street and 1st Avenue, there is no reason why you should open up — as Mr Nicholson did not the first time we tried to go there. He is elderly, has been around for some decades and has a set menu which, on the day we found him open, was cheese soufflé, roast chicken, chocolate soufflé, coffee and half a bottle of wine per person at an inclusive \$40.

It is an Edwardian basement beautifully appointed with a shining mahogany centre table bearing a turn-of-the-century knick-knacks. "Was there a cheese board instead of chocolate soufflé?" we asked. Well, no, said the high caste Indian waitress; the chocolate soufflé has been on the menu for 40 of the 48 years Mr Nicholson has been here... everyone likes it.

My son, for whose eve of wedding reception I am responsible and for which I was trying to find a location, said Cafe Nicholson would be great. Sadly, the proprietor was unkeen: "I go to Europe for two months every summer and don't want to worry about upcoming functions. I may not be back by early September and we don't open unless I am here." So I tried the hotel where I was staying, had a meeting with a banquetting lady who showed me the Versailles Room and thought that two and a half hours of champagne and smoked salmon and things for about 100 people ought to be attainable at around \$55 a head plus tax at 8 per cent, service another 17 per cent; she would ring me. I was in the hotel for two more days. She rang not, even though by Friday, thanks to a sliding dollar, I was nearly 2 per cent closer to being able to afford her asking price.

One thinks, because the Americans speak a similar language to ours, that conversation with — understanding of — the US citizenry would not be the cause of problems in communication. I was quietly reading the newspaper on Thursday evening when the nice receptionist phoned from the lobby to say there was a party downstairs for me. I was genuinely touched. Although I had stayed at the Carlyle before, and they welcomed me back with warmth, there are not too many large hotels that go out of their way to arrange surprise celebrations for their clients. I was actually waiting for an investment broker to take me to a pork bellies market; that would now have to be postponed; I know the correct positions in the totem pole. I polished my shoes, essayed the first five moves of the conga, took a sip of olive oil which always facilitates the benign consumption of strong liquor, went down the elevator and crossed to the reception desk: "I believe," I said, "that there is a party for me; how very kind". The receptionist pointed to an elderly chauffeur standing on the pavement.



'I'd feel much happier about supporting Ridley if I had the faintest idea how it worked'

I went into a shoe shop, found a pair of size 10, triple E sneakers and gave the salesman my credit card. Far from behaving as they do with Mr Whicker in TV commercials, he examined it with suspicion and asked for my driving licence. I did not have it with me and said that in most countries permission to operate a vehicle on the public highway was neither necessary nor relevant to the purchase of casual footwear. He said that so many cars were stolen they liked further proof of identity. I pointed out that if I had stolen the card I would also have stolen such supportive documents as he requested. Having only one piece of plastic was surely a sign of integrity; would he or would he not sell me the shoes? He said yes, added "Have a nice day" and when I said thank you he replied "You bet".

I spent the weekend caught in the slipstream of serious money; left New York by stretch limo which you hire by the foot and was driven to some corner of a distant field where a Lear jet awaited us. My host telephoned the Lear jet during the 30-minute car journey — to tell the pilot he would be there in ten minutes, then five minutes. Then he rang his own chauffeur to ensure that he would be ready and waiting 90 minutes later, three states away.

I know of no better way to travel: the limo drives up to the jet, luggage is transferred and the two pilots tell us five passengers that the weather is going to be good, we shall fly at 480 knots, the decaeters marked whisky, brandy and gin are behind the panel on the port side, ice is in the plastic container, have a nice day. There are also two trays of fresh fruit, cheese and crackers and a deck of playing cards in case you have to cut for who jumps out first. On arrival the plane stops by the waiting limousine and you are away.

In Michigan on Friday night the party discusses going to the movies. As everyone has seen everything that is on and previewed most things that are going to be on next week, we go out to dinner instead. The trendy outing is to see *Babette's Feast*, which won the Oscar foreign picture award, and then on to a restaurant where they serve what was eaten on the screen: \$125 per person, which was £71.50 but is now only about £70. They had all seen *Babette's Feast* so we just went to dinner. Now I won't have to see the movie — in which people apparently eat caviar and stuffed quail and behave with small decorum.

Every year many thousands of foetuses are abandoned after abortion. Although the moral issues involved in this destruction have been more than thoroughly aired, a disturbing new dimension of the debate has now surfaced. With recent disclosures of the use of foetal tissue for therapeutic purposes, the question arises as to what we owe the aborted foetus. Do we owe it nothing at all — abortion, after all, is directed towards bringing its existence to an end — or do we have some continuing obligation to an entity that is, in some senses at least, human?

Current concern in Britain and the US is over the use to which foetal tissue can be put in the treatment of Parkinson's Disease and possibly of a number of other diseases, ranging from Alzheimer's Disease to radiation sickness. The proponent of such procedures has a simple argument to put forward. If it is legal (and ethical) to take tissue from the dead for transplants, there is no reason not to use foetal tissue for the same purpose. Why discard it if it can be of benefit to a person needing treatment?

This argument has attractions but must be subject to a major qualification: the foetus must not be deliberately created in

order to be used for therapeutic purposes. This would exclude, for instance, the request made last year by an American woman to be artificially fertilized by sperm from her father in order to abort the foetus and use its tissue for his treatment. Such a procedure would be technically legal in the US.

What many of those concerned with medical ethics fear is that the development of foetal tissue transplantation will result in a market in foetuses conceived purely for transplant purposes, rather than the way that surrogate mothers have conceived children for adoption by sponsors. The chilling aspect of this is that life would be deliberately created for "harvest", a prospect which causes concern even among the most liberal pro-abortionists.

Other doubts expressed over the moral propriety of foetal tissue transplants include anxiety over the possibility of

continuing the pregnancy until a desired state of foetal development has been achieved, and the possibility of pressure being brought on the wavering mother to abort rather than to continue with the pregnancy.

Indeed, the view of some anti-abortion spokesmen is that the whole issue will serve to make abortions more respectable. If the mother is seen to be helping medical science by aborting the foetus, then abortion might seem to be less morally dubious. Conversely, those in favour of abortion see a danger that opposition to foetal tissue transplantation will solidify anti-abortion concerns.

Should the mother consent to such use of foetal tissue? In the Birmingham programme the mothers were unaware of what was being done, and some might say that there is nothing objectionable about this. In one view they have forfeited all rights to any say in the fate of the foetus.

having decided to abandon it through abortion.

Another view, though, is that a mother has an interest in the foetus of the same order as any other body part. It might also be borne in mind that in normal transplantation procedures the relatives of the deceased are usually consulted.

The problems associated with transplantation give rise to even greater ethical difficulty when a foetus is kept alive until term in order to have organs removed. In practice this will occur only where the foetus is detected as being anencephalic, which is the state of having most of the brain missing. Such children are doomed to die anyway, but it is ethically acceptable to keep them alive until transplantation of organs can be arranged?

This problem arose in the US recently when a couple discovered through pre-natal tests that the foetus the mother was carry-

ing was anencephalic. They sought to find a hospital which would keep the child alive after birth long enough to remove organs. No hospital was prepared to do this, on the grounds that the child, having a functioning brain stem, and therefore breathing, would not be dead.

The delicate moral issues involved in this growing area of novel medical treatment suggest that certain guidelines should be adopted even before any attempt is made to provide for formal regulation.

At a conference on the subject in Ohio last year, it was agreed that there should be clear separation between those doctors with an interest in foetal tissue transplantation and those concerned with abortion. This is already accepted in other areas of transplantation activity, and should find few objectors. There is also consensus on the fact that recipient and donor should not be related to each other, and this

requirement would lessen the chance of collusion in the pregnancy.

As in many other areas of scientific advance, developments such as these tend to produce alarmist sentiment. In the United States the National Institute of Health announced last week that federal funding for foetal tissue research programmes was to be suspended pending the deliberation of a committee charged with looking at the ethical and legal implications. This has caused surprise among those who see no real problem in a beneficial and potentially productive form of therapy, and who fear that medical progress will be seriously impeded.

They say that the real issue is acceptance of abortion, and that once that watershed has been crossed, it is too late to have ethical qualms. This is not necessarily the case. Foetal tissue transplantation is an incidental issue thrown up by the practice of abortion which in many ways conjures up distinct ethical and legal dilemmas as profound as those engendered by the abortion question itself.

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Alexander McCall-Smith on medicine's new moral issue

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Bernard Levin

Shrouding the basic issue



I have always wanted to begin a column "If the Pope is anything like me", and I doubt if I shall ever have a better opportunity, so here goes. If the Pope is anything like me, he must be very close to wishing that the Turin Shroud had never come into existence.

In case there is anybody who does not know what the shroud is, I must explain that it is a sheet of linen, undoubtedly very ancient, in which it is believed by many that the body of Christ was wrapped after being taken down from the cross and before being placed in the tomb.

The belief that it is a true relic has endured for some centuries, and is reinforced by marks on the linen, some of which seem to be the stains of sweat and blood, and by the undoubted fact that there is a faint imprint of a noble face on it, together with the outline of a body. It is now kept in Turin Cathedral, held in trust for the church by the Archbishop of Turin.

In less sceptical times its august origin went unquestioned. The eye of faith having dimmed over time, however, the eye of science has for some time been cast upon the precious memento. Scientists now claim that with their sophisticated techniques they can fix with reasonable exactitude when the shroud was made, and it must be remembered that just because a claim is made by scientists it is not necessarily false. If, therefore, they can show that the holy cloth post-dates the Crucifixion by centuries, its sanctitude at once disappears; shroud it may be, but not Christ's.

For a long time requests for scientific examination of the shroud were rejected out of hand by a scandalized church. But gradually the claims of modernism began to sound less outrageous in the ears of the Holy See, and the scientists' approaches were no longer met by a door slammed in their faces.

Still, they were not allowed to examine it, partly on the reasonable ground that in order to do so they would have to cut a piece off to put under their micro-

scopes. But finally (though nothing in this story is final, ever get to it), it has been agreed that a piece of the linen, measuring some 6sq cm (for comparison, an ordinary 18p British stamp is 5sq cm), will be cut from it and delivered in turn to each of three establishments considered expert in these matters: Oxford University, the Zurich Institute of Technology, and the University of Arizona.

Their tests will be "blind". Each will be given the sacred morsel accompanied by two apparently similar scraps, the age and provenance of which are known. These two pieces will be the controls, for since the scientists will not be told which of the three is from the shroud, only if they get the two nulls right will they be listened to when they pronounce on the real thing.

Assuming — a large assumption — that yet another of the holy rows that have so often marred this story does not break out within the next few months, we should have the scientists' answer before 1988 is out. But I bet the Pope is gradually becoming convinced that it is more trouble than it is worth.

Now for my reasons, and my point. There are two pairs of possible outcomes to the investigation. First of the first pair is that the scientists all declare that they are unable to come to any conclusion. Second, that the findings of each of the teams differs wildly from the other two. In either of these eventualities, everybody will be exactly where

they were before, so let us turn to the second pair. First, the scientists agree that the cloth is at least 1,900-plus years old. Second, that it is much younger than that, perhaps centuries younger. "Hurrah!" cry many; "O calamity!" vouchsafe others. (And, you will realize if you think carefully, vice versa.)

But the Pope must have seen — hence the groaning that I attribute to him — that both of these, too, leave everything pre-

cisely where it was before. Suppose the shroud is indeed 1,900-odd years old, so that it could be the cerecloth of Jesus; it will remain impossible for anyone to prove that it actually is. On the other hand, suppose that it was made in the 15th century, or was run up by my grandfather, Yossel the Tailor, so that it cannot be the sacred relic. What then?

Well, the Pope must understand, whoever else does not, that the argument over the

shroud is and always has been spurious; the clue to its irrelevance being the interest taken in it by unbelievers. The real argument is about Christ, not his shroud. Either the Christians are right or they are wrong; that is, either what they believe when they recite the Creed is true, or it is not.

It must be one or the other, but whichever it is does not depend on the age of the linen sheet in Turin Cathedral or on the liquefaction of the blood of St Januarius, any more than it depends on those splinters of wood from the True Cross which are sold in such numbers to innocent tourists visiting Jerusalem that experts have estimated that the True Cross must have been considerably larger than St Paul's Cathedral. (It's a mercy that the same vendors haven't been selling patches from the Turin Shroud, clearly labelled "Marks & Spencer". Perhaps they have.) Listen to Shaw's Archbishop:

Parables are not lies because they describe events that have never happened. Miracles are not frauds because they are often — I do not say always — very simple and innocent contrivances by which the priest fortifies the faith of his flock. When this girl picks out the Dauphin among his courtiers, it will not be a miracle for me, because I shall know how it has been done, and my faith will not be increased. But as for the others, if they feel the thrill of the supernatural, and forget their sinful clay in a sudden sense of the glory of God, it will be a miracle, and a blessed one.

The Holy Shroud may be a miracle, but if so it is an unnecessary one. If it turns out

to have been woven centuries later than the life of Christ, there will be much jeering from fools who think they are rationalists; if it proves to be of the right period, it will be greeted by the same fools doing the same jeering, in this case offset by the praise of the faithful, though nobody, whatever the result, is going to change sides. Yet the argument, which will not be settled if every scientist in the world agrees on its dating to the very hour it came off the loom, has taken on such apocalyptic proportions that one half of the world is now waiting for the tests under the impression that the result will be the Second Coming, and the other half is convinced that it will lead to the prosecution of the Pope for breaking the Trades Descriptions Act.

If Christ suffered on the Cross, and was taken down and buried in a tomb, he was presumably wrapped in a shroud. That shroud may be the one in Turin, or it may be the threadbare tablecloth that I have just seen on a stall in the Portobello Road, priced at a fiver. Most likely, it crumbled to dust centuries ago. But by arguing over the identity of the shroud, those who are arguing are missing a much more important argument, viz., shroud or no shroud, did the wearer rise from the dead after three days? If he did, it doesn't matter if he emerged from the tomb in a monogrammed Herbie Frogg shirt, and if he didn't, it doesn't matter if he was buried in a Harrods carrier-bag.

Beside that tremendous question, the Turin Shroud is a hindrance, whence my sympathy for the Pope. Incidentally, the scientists are now saying that they are confident of dating the shroud "to within a century", which opens the enticing prospect of another, brand-new, quarrel over which end of the selected century is to be preferred. I tell you, if they asked me to be Pope, I would refuse, bluffed if I wouldn't.

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Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Recipe for revolt

Before the emergency debate on social security I asked a regular Tory rebel if he would support the Government. "I'm tempted not to," he said. "But I'm going to rebel on the new charges for eye tests and on the poll tax next week and you have to draw the line somewhere."

He took the Macmillan view: "By all means rebel, but only on one issue at a time — otherwise it confuses the Whips."

The present state of rebellions on health charges, social security changes and the poll tax has induced not so much confusion as sheer panic. A government with a confident radical programme and a huge majority has become extraordinarily jumpy. Mrs Thatcher and her business managers are in a twitter about Michael Heseltine, depicting him as the arch plottor behind their imminent embarrassment on poll tax.

Circumstantial evidence supports them. Michael Mates, the Conservative backbencher whose amendment would wreck the flat rate principle of the community charge, has been a Heseltine agent. Mr Heseltine will speak tonight. But the band of potential rebels are not a Heseltine cadre. Nor has Mr Heseltine needed to foment rebellion. The poll tax has enough enemies of its own.

The rush of jitters about a Heseltine coup is borne of government fear at his success at cultivating the Tory grass roots. Though Thatcherites assure each other that Conservative MPs would not elect as their leader the one-time mace wielder who walked out of the Cabinet over Westland, they wonder uncomfortably how many MPs will take into regard the torches

flickering on the hillsides for Mr Heseltine when the moment comes.

But such "wobbly Thursday" witters are nothing new. Close colleagues of Mrs Thatcher assured me in opinion poll troughs during the last parliament that Peter Walker was about to throw up his cabinet post and mount a challenge for the leadership.

What is worrying for the Government is that the present rebellions are not on incidentals but on central elements of Tory policy. The poll tax pledge was in the manifesto. The social security changes were passed two years ago with the admirable purpose of seeking to simplify the ludicrously entangled benefit system, to reduce the poverty-trap and to direct more help to low-paid young families.

What has happened is an accident of timing coupled with bad planning. It always was the intention to push through the most contentious items in the programme during the first session after the election precisely because some rebellions were expected. The same theory lay behind the controversial Budget. What had not been anticipated was that Labour would prove so effective in focusing attention throughout the winter on the financing of the health service. That meant that a Budget which had the rich dancing jigs around their BMWs was bound to cause more than the average frisson of middle and upper-class guilt.

Further angst was inevitable when that was followed by the introduction of the new social security regulations, the casualties of which included Conservative voters with more than £6,000 in the bank who had

become accustomed to drawing housing benefit.

Neil Kinnock's concentration on individual cases in the Commons and a brilliant speech by Robin Cook exploiting Tory alarms about the social justice of the Government's package led Tory MPs to fear, with reason, that the Conservatives would be seen as a divisive party of two nations.

For a government to choose that point to face MPs with the report stage of the Bill imposing charges for eye tests and dental checks was a serious blunder. It ensured a maximum focus on the regressive nature of the poll tax — a measure which many senior Tories believe would be dropped tomorrow were it not for Mrs Thatcher's obsession with her 1974 promise to replace the rating system.

The present problems have occurred even without an opinion poll plunge. Whether rebellion among Tory MPs becomes a way of life will be determined by two things.

If the local elections prove the poll tax a disaster then we can expect further concessions from Mr Ridley as the implementing orders come to Parliament. And if the opinion polls show, even after the average working man finds an extra £5 in his wage packet after the implementation of the tax cuts in July, that the Budget is still regarded as unfair, then we can expect a revival of the Tory Wets.

But Mrs Thatcher and her cabinet are not fools. And so long as the nurses get their money and the Treasury picks up the bill, I suspect we will be back to business as usual, and the usual thumping majorities, by the autumn.

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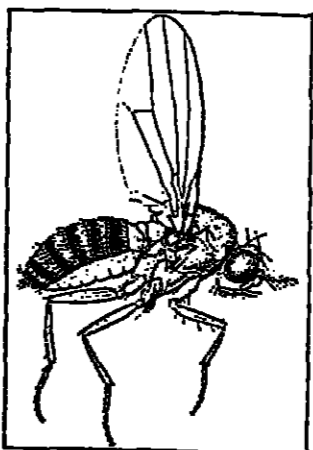
Heads they win

In a landmark embryology discovery, German geneticists have identified a molecule in the eggs of a species of fly that directs the development of the head. The discovery is important because it fulfills biological criteria for a "developmental morphogen", a chemical that tells the embryo which body structures should be made where.

The same processes underlie the development of all animals, so the discovery has implications far beyond flies. The work was reported by Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard for Developmental Biology, Tübingen, at the annual joint meeting of the British Societies of Cell and Developmental Biology in Bristol.

It has its origins in two traditional lines of research in biology. One is the classical approach of manipulating an embryo and observing how it develops. In this way, for example, such "monsters" as insects with two heads can be created. These experiments show that the egg of an insect contains a kind of blueprint for embryonic development.

The other source for the new work is the molecular genetic approach, most successfully applied to the fruit-fly *Drosophila melanogaster*. In this approach, genes that affect development are identified by their effects when mutated. It is then only a matter of time before they can be cloned and a molecular study of the protein that they specify can begin.



The first clue to the specific molecule essential for fruit-fly head development came from a very simple experiment. A hole was pricked at the front end of the egg to allow some of the contents to escape. The result was the development of embryos with normal posterior ends but no heads.

The breakthrough came when a mutation was found that has very similar effects. This mutation was in a gene called *bicoid*. To see its effect it is necessary to breed female flies in which both copies of the *bicoid* gene are mutated. These flies cannot supply any normal *bicoid* gene product to their eggs, which consequently develop into headless embryos.

These mutant eggs can be rescued if they are injected with the contents of the front end of a normal embryo. The crucial observation is that in these rescued embryos, the

head forms at the site of injection.

Not long after these experiments were performed the *bicoid* gene was cloned. This has enabled Nüsslein-Volhard's group to discover where the protein encoded by the gene appears in fruit-fly eggs and embryos.

The instructions for the *bicoid* protein are provided to the egg by cells called nurse cells that are attached to the front end of the egg while it is still in the mother fly. These instructions take the form of RNA, the intermediary molecules that carries the instructions of the gene itself to the machinery of the cell where the proteins are made.

It turns out that *bicoid* RNA stays at the front end of the embryo, so that there is a gradient in the concentration of the *bicoid* protein throughout the embryo.

The concentration of the *bicoid* protein at a particular position in mutant embryos correlates with body structures made by cells in that position. It is this correlation that shows the *bicoid* protein is acting as a morphogen.

The next step will be to find out how variations in the concentration of the *bicoid* protein are interpreted by the cells of the fruit-fly embryo to dictate their developmental rate. These analyses of humble fruit-flies will provide insights into the fundamental mechanisms by which higher animals develop.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRAIN TO BRAIN

Few people can consider the principle of cell transplants from the brains or adrenal tissue of aborted fetuses without finding perilous implications.

This form of surgery is likely, for example, to exacerbate still further the ethical difficulties over when a foetus is truly dead.

As Alexander McCall-Smith points out on the opposite page, it also raises the possibility of babies being actually conceived to provide such tissues, or of being preserved after abortion in order to keep the brain cells alive.

Fears about brain tissue transplants are greater than for other transplant operations. Vast numbers of elderly people suffer from brain diseases, such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's.

Vast numbers of fetuses would be potentially available. A "foetal tissue industry" could soon be in place.

Against this, however, is the dreadful suffering of people with diseases of the brain. More than 100,000 have Parkinson's disease in Britain alone.

A BIGGER PILLAR

The Western European Union is preparing to take another step in its search for a new role this week. It is considering whether or not to ask Spain and Portugal to join.

During the two-day meeting which opens at The Hague today, it is probable that the present seven members will merely invite their Iberian neighbours to apply.

The question, however, is yet another sign that West is approaching a turning point in its post-war history.

This is nowhere more apparent than in France, the mainspring behind the relaunching of WEU in 1984.

French governments have enjoyed a remarkable consensus on defence for the last twenty years. While Britain, West Germany and to some extent the United States, have been riven by furious debate and demonstrations, the French independence, as exemplified by its nuclear deterrent, has gone unchallenged.

The signs of change, however, have been there for some time. Growing co-operation between its forces and those of Nato has now been accompanied by bilateral agreements with Britain and, more notably, West Germany.

LOST IN THE MYTHS OF TIME

The Foreign Office is already rather tired of hearing from smart alec enquirers who wish to criticize the Latin grammar of its former man in Beirut.

But all that could be forgiven - indeed would gladly be - if there were some plausible reason for the FO man choosing the Latin tongue to deliver his warning in the first place.

According to his opening remarks Mr Gallagher considered the use of Latin to be some clever code. This beggars belief.

of these people is actual and present, and not a matter of ethical theory or possible future implications. Where then does medical - and civic - duty lie?

This is the issue now facing the council of the British Medical Association. The BMA's Ethical Committee has drawn up a list of recommendations which it is to put to the council on May 4.

This is probably the best that general human and medical ethics - falling short of the absolute principles of religion or of strict utilitarianism - can manage.

In these circumstances, the medical profession must be asked a prior question. Why was the public not informed earlier about these developments?

The need for greater openness in the medical and scientific professions is all the more important as researchers begin to investigate genetic technology.

Case for not keeping own counsel

From Mr Roger Gray, QC. Sir, The Marre committee is shortly to report upon the future of the legal profession.

First, it is devoutly to be hoped that its recommendations will not be tainted by current dogma about the desirability of competition in all spheres.

The lamentable results of such a system are plain to see when it operates in America. The probity of the English Bar, and hence the judiciary, depends in large measure upon the absence of the contingency fee.

Second, there is the matter of the right of a client to direct access to his barrister. The argument against this is difficult for a layman to understand but it is nevertheless overwhelming.

This demands an objectivity of approach which is best attained by the case having been presented to him in writing beforehand, rather than by the oral, and often confused, protestations of the litigant.

Mr Steel's future

From Mr David Steel, MP for Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale (Social and Liberal Democrat).

Sir, It will not surprise you that I have received a great deal of advice for and against standing as a candidate for the leadership of the Social and Liberal Democrats.

First, since the leadership election cannot be held until July, we are all determined to avoid constant speculation over many months on this issue.

Mammon's big guns

From Viscount Tenby. Sir, The recent flurry of concern and political infighting within the Conservative Party over the number of houses being built in the South-east ignores two equally vital issues.

Irrespective of the sociological, environmental and ecological threat - which is, heaven knows, real enough - the erection of more houses in areas where the infrastructure is insufficient to sustain them poses major problems.

Just as importantly, people who have lived in such areas for years see their quality of life being steadily eroded, a phenomenon less likely to occur to their city cousins.

The second issue is, surely, the need to give those doughty fighters who have challenged developers and won, some respite from further hostilities, at least for a given period of time.

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Ancient heritage

From Mrs Ann Orr-Ewing. Sir, How deeply one sympathises with Mr Harold Passmore (March 29) in his plea to save the lovely little town of Bradford-on-Avon in west Wiltshire by the provision of a bypass which he fears will never be built.

His fears are well founded! There is no money for bypasses because, over and above any contribution developers may make, the county council must find the funds for education, roads, policing, etc. in new developments, regardless of the consequences for the rest of this predominantly rural county.

Wiltshire exemplifies the problem underlying the Ridley-Heseltine correspondence, where central Government overrides county councils' attempts to restrain development to what they judge to be affordable financially as well as environmentally, but turns its back on the fact that massive new developments such as Swindon erode services in the rest of the county to the distress of many of the ratepayers.

A new approach to the authorisation of major developments and the funding of their public services is urgently needed.

frequently represent litigants in the lower courts. But, for the most part, such cases are not ones of complexity, involving a high degree of skilful analysis.

In the crown court, for instance, the result of counsel being instructed directly by the criminals would be the erosion of that sense of detachment and objectivity which is essential to the proper conduct of a defence in a criminal trial.

One can see that there may be advantages in some commercial or tax matters for accountants to have direct access to counsel. They are, in any event, experts whom barristers may consult under the present rules.

ROGER GRAY, Queen Elizabeth Building, Temple, EC4, April 14.

In particular, we are all determined to make as big a success of the local elections on May 5 as we have been each week in local government by-election victories.

Second, however far away you might suggest I go from the domestic political scene - United Nations or elsewhere - I have no intention, whatever the leadership decision, of abandoning my commitment to the success of the Social and Liberal Democrats and the values for which we stand.

They have never been more needed in our country. DAVID STEEL, House of Commons, April 14.

Rewriting history

From Mr K. J. Barnes. Sir, It is easy to poke fun, as you do in your leader of April 9, at the proposals to produce a supposedly unbiased "European" history.

Nevertheless, none can deny that the English history one learns in British schools is terribly biased, even if it is no more so than the comparable history learnt by French or German schoolchildren.

A bit more appreciation of the roles played by other countries, a little less of the assumption that England has played the dominant part in every European activity since 1066, might help us now more easily to come to terms with our present position as a partner, an important but junior one, in the European Community of the 21st century.

K. J. BARNES, 29 Bearwater, Charnham Street, Hungerford, Berkshire.

Spiritual guardians

From Father Noel Burke. Sir, Whether there be a patron saint of bookmakers (Letters, April 7 and 13) I know not. But how about St. Matthias, chosen by lot in the early Church to take the place of Judas among the Apostles (Acts 1, 15-26)?

He would hardly be the punter's patron though, for the purpose of the whole venture was to take a twelfth place. Yours sincerely, NOEL BURKE, St Kessog's, Balloch, Dumbartonshire.

Scots frown on museum sales

From the Chairman of the National Galleries of Scotland. Sir, There has been much comment generated by the proposition that the trustees of national museums and galleries should be given a power of sale over their collections.

The National Galleries of Scotland already have had that power since 1985 but have never exercised it. The possibility that we would make use of it has been recently canvassed in a policy review paper on the National Galleries of Scotland prepared by our sponsoring department, the Scottish Education Department.

The trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland have considered this proposal, but concluded that they were unwilling to accept it. Our fundamental objection is that it would constitute a breach of trust with those who have been donors in the past and who gave or bequeathed in circumstances where they were entitled to believe that their gift or bequest was permanent and had been accepted on that basis.

My trustees believe that in this sensitive area it is imperative to maintain the utmost good faith. A retrospective change in the basis on which past gifts or bequests

have been received is inconsistent with good faith and must inevitably put on guard those who may be considering future gifts or bequests. We have recent experience that this is the case.

It is all too easy to misrepresent this conclusion as being based on misdirected curatorial zeal or on the squirrel-like tendencies of fallible trustees; that was the gist of an article on this subject by Simon Jenkins in The Sunday Times of April 10.

In the case of the National Galleries of Scotland we intend to ensure that neither criticism will apply to us. Among other steps, we will arrange that more of our collections are displayed and we are also enhancing our lending policy.

We believe that these steps, and others which we are taking, are the correct answer and not the imposition of a power of sale which we did not seek and which we believe to be a misconceived remedy for different problems. Yours faithfully,

ANGUS GROSSART, Chairman, National Galleries of Scotland, The Mount, Edinburgh EH2 2EL, April 11.

Thwarting hijackers

From Mr Graham Chaine. Sir, The installation on planes of a "secure compartment" for the storage of passengers' passports, as recommended by the Deputy Director of the Institute for the Study of Terrorism (April 12), might prove a mixed blessing during a hijack. Would not the absence of proof of identity put passengers in as much danger (a Briton mistaken for an American, a Saudi for a Kuwaiti) as does the passengers' present retention of their passports?

What would be more to the point would be the sealing off on all aircraft, during flight, of the flight deck. Surely this is not impracticable. The ease with which terrorists gain access to the pilot's cabin is as alarming as their ability to board planes with weapons in the first place. With the flight deck sealed off, the plane should proceed, regardless of events in the passenger section, to its scheduled destination.

Further measures should include a refusal to communicate with anyone aboard the plane except the pilot, and a total news black-out until the situation is resolved. The present worldwide publicity of hijacks as they occur only panders to the terrorists' sense of importance and accords them already a partial triumph of their schemes. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM CHAINE, 47 St Barnabas Road, Cambridge, April 13.

Remand prisoners

From the Chairman of the Howard League. Sir, Lord Windlesham, in his letter (April 7) and on other occasions, has had more to say about privatising the prison system than Home Office ministers. As Chairman of the Parole Board he is of course much concerned about the grotesque conditions within many prisons, but it is surely naive to believe that setting up separate and privately managed prisons would tackle the fundamental problem of persuading the courts to make more selective use of custodial places.

Indeed, there is a very real danger that Lord Windlesham's proposal of a three-way choice for the courts of bail/private custody/public custody would lead to an overall increase in the use of custody, given the additional cells made available.

It is also suggested by Lord Windlesham that the state has distinct interests with regard to remand and sentenced prisoners. There is, of course, a difference in legal status, reflected in the Prison Rules, although these have recently been weakened by the Home Office with respect to remand prisoners having meals sent in. But the responsibility of the state is as great and awesome, whether or not the person in custody has been convicted.

For many remand prisoners, whose first experience of custody this may be, there can be intense anxieties about family, employment and other personal circumstances. The threat of personal disorientation is considerable. The duty of the state to provide for the welfare of persons on remand is no different for remand than for sentenced prisoners. Yours sincerely, ANDREW RUTHERFORD, Chairman, The Howard League for Penal Reform, 322 Kennington Park Road, SE11, April 8.

To make a cat laugh

From Miss C. D. Preuss. Sir, Like so many things learnt in childhood, a sacrosanct habit has been to put all loose hair and combings from a hairbrush out of the bedroom window for the birds to line their nests with.

Now that golden tresses are thin and grey, with no insulation properties, the copious combings from a large cat are hooked to a thorny branch of a pyracantha tree.

Imagine our joyous mirth this morning to see our (?) robin flying past weighed down by a tabby moustache twice his size! Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE PREUSS, 16 Church Walk, Thames Ditton, Surrey, April 14.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 18 1939

By the spring of 1939 it was widely recognized that the outbreak of war could not be far away. Day after day, The Times carried news of measures being taken to meet an emergency.

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR PIGEONS

"WIRELESS" DUTIES WITH R.A.F.

A REGISTER OF BIRDS

A register of carrier pigeons for use in war-time is being compiled by the Air Ministry. The pigeons would be carried in R.A.F. machines and used to convey messages if an aeroplane's wireless apparatus were put out of action. Since the War the R.A.F. has maintained a pigeon service, and at Calshot and two centres overseas it breeds and trains carrier pigeons of its own.

During the crisis last September the Air Ministry received offers of pigeons from thousands of fanciers. All the offers were filed, and on this basis a national register is being prepared. Owners of pigeons seem keen to place them at the Government's disposal, and it is expected that about 500,000 of the birds will be available to play a part in national defence. That part might well be vitally important. With a moderate tail wind a good bird will fly at 1,600 yards a minute over 300 miles, and in highly favourable conditions speeds of over a mile a minute have been reached. The highest speed claimed for a carrier pigeon is a mile and a half a minute over 300 miles.

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY

The Women's Land Army, the members of which would be ready to take up farm work as a full-time occupation in war, is proving an attractive branch of national service. More than 7,000 applications for enrolment have been received and more than 6,000 women have already been enrolled.

A.R.P. handbook No. 9 - "Incendiary Bombs and Fire Precautions" - is published today (Stationery Office, 6d.). Explaining why the public should be prepared for dealing with incendiary bombs, the handbook states that one large bomber can carry between 1,000 and 2,000 small bombs, which, if scattered over built-up areas and not dealt with within two or three minutes after falling, might start so many fires that no fire brigade could be expected to deal with them all. Moreover, water mains might be damaged or drained dry, or damaged roads might prevent a fire engine reaching the site of a fire.

LIGHT INCENDIARY BOMB

The incendiary bomb most likely to be used, on account of its effectiveness, is, according to the handbook, the light magnesium electron bomb, which weighs about 2lb. 2oz. These bombs would probably be dropped from a great height since they do not reach their maximum power of penetration until they have fallen about 5,000ft. Because of their lightness they cannot be aimed accurately. They spread out as they fall, and a group of bombs dropped simultaneously from 5,000ft would cover an area of about 100 yards square.

This light bomb will penetrate any ordinary roof, but is likely to be caught in an upper storey, starting a roof fire, and, if not properly dealt with, burning through the ceiling below. The handbook recommends easy access to attics and roof spaces, and states that the amount of inflammable material in roof spaces, attics, and upper storeys should be reduced as much as possible. Advice is given on how to cope with incendiary bombs and the fires they may start. As this is mainly a question of ordinary fire precautions, the book states, much of this advice is equally applicable to peace-time. . . .



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 16: The Prince Edward this morning visited the Leomond and inaugurated the Leomond Park Authority...

Vickers Engineering, Barrow-in-Furness. The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund...

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited the Fearnville Sports Centre and afterwards Save the Children Fund...

KENSINGTON PALACE April 17: The Princess of Wales this morning started the London Marathon, Blackheath, London.

A service of thanksgiving to commemorate the life and work of Edith Kahan will be held in the Liberal Jewish Synagogue...

Marriages

The Hon J.J.L. Prior and Miss C.S. Benson The marriage took place on Saturday in Winchester Cathedral of the Hon Jeremy Prior...

Mr J.M.F. Dixon and Miss A.R. Pilkington A service of wedding was held in St Bartholomew's Chapel, Goring Heath, Berkshire...

Mr I.R. Malcolm and the Hon A.M.A. Norris The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints, Brightwalton, Berkshire...

Mr A. Henry and Miss B. Weber The marriage took place between Mr Albert Henry, of Indian Wells, California...

Mr C.A. Gladstone and Miss C.M. Thomas The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at St Denit's Church, Hawarden...

Mr P.A.C. Monckton and Miss G.M.E. Byng The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at St John the Baptist's, Chipping Barnet...

University College London

An Inaugural Lecture by Professor G.T. Martin, 'The People of Memphis in the Time of Tutankhamun and his Successors'...

Service dinner

12 Signal Brigade (Volunteers) Brigadier T.H. Wheatwell and the officers of 12 Signal Brigade...

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Clifford Longley The fount of moral indifference

It was said on behalf of the Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales last week that they are becoming perturbed by signs of a growing 'culture of indifference' in Britain...

search for common goals which were independent of belief, so that they could be generally accepted in a pluralistic society with many beliefs and none.

It could prove an immensely valuable exercise, as there are all sorts of half-formed questions beginning to emerge about the inner cohesion of Western civilization...

But it is not in fact a self-vindicating ideal, and the 'culture of indifference' which could be called judgementally a 'culture of individualism'...

The Church of England had its own similar exercise not long ago. Under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood...

The decline in the latter is called secularization; but Christianity has never regarded the two commandments as separate, or as likely to be obeyed independently of each other...

It reached the slightly tautological conclusion that one of the greatest needs of modern society was for it to put a higher value on 'people in community'.

Secularism has been calling religion's bluff for a long time, maintaining that theistic faith was no more than a private and personal opinion...

The idea described by the phrase 'people in community' is of a society in which there is a strong sense of mutual responsibility and inter-dependence...

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The Catholic study could be in that sense a natural successor to the Anglican one, taking the issues up where the Archbishop of York's group left them.

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THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

St Catherine of Alexandria, by Caravaggio (1571-1610): The saint, condemned to death by the Emperor Maximianus for refusing to renounce her religion...



The portrait is one of those on show in the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Nature notes

Little ringed plovers are back at English gravel pits after spending the winter in the northern tropics of Africa. They feed on small insects and sand spits...

There is often a pair of great crested grebes swimming near them; at present, just before they start nest-building...

Leaves and flowers are opening steadily. There are small green lantern-shaped leaves on the lime trees...

School announcements

Abbott's Hill School The Summer Term commenced yesterday. Old Girls' Day will be on Saturday, May 14, 1988.

Haileybury & ISC Summer Term begins today with 681 on the roll. 586 boys and 95 sixth form girls...

Malvern College Summer Term begins at Malvern College today. J.M. Taylor is Senior Chapel Prefect...

Charterhouse Cricket Quarter at Charterhouse began yesterday. G.R.D. Pascoe is head of school and D.K. McNeil is deputy head...

Mareton Hall, Shropshire The school returned for the Summer Term yesterday. Half term will be from Saturday, May 28, until Wednesday, June 1.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford Trinity Term begins today and ends on July 14. Mr J.E. Rufe (OG) has succeeded Mr J.F. Brown (OG) as chairman of governors...

Cranleigh School Summer Term at Cranleigh School began yesterday and ends after sports on Friday, July 1.

Harrow School Summer Term at Harrow begins today. C.O. Bridgeman (Eimfield) continues as head of school and C. Cox (Dunrobin) is captain of cricket...

Rugby School Trinity Term at Rugby School began yesterday. B.C.A. Ellison is Captain of cricket and R.W.A. Manser is Captain of Athletics.

Eton College Eton College opened yesterday for Summer Half. There are 1,253 boys in the school...

King's College School, Wimbledon Summer Term begins today, April 18. Commemoration Day is on Saturday, June 11.

St David's College, Llandudno Mr John Meyor, first headmaster, has found it necessary, for health reasons, to retire.

King's College School, Canterbury The King's School, Canterbury Summer Term begins today. The concert in the Cathedral will be held on Saturday, May 7...

Oakham School Summer Term at Oakham School began on Monday, April 11. The 100th anniversary of the school's founding will be marked with a luncheon at the school on Saturday, June 4.

St Francis' College, Letchworth Summer Term began at St Francis' College on Wednesday, April 13, and will end on Wednesday, July 13.

Felsted School Summer Term at Felsted School begins today. J.R. Drew (Elwyn's) continues as head of school. The Founder's Day service is on May 22...

Moirs House Summer Term at Moirs House begins today. The new school knights are Juanita Clarke and Ashe Shawa...

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OBITUARY BARONESS LANE-FOX Champion of the disabled

Baroness Lane-Fox, whose courageous mastery of disablement made her one of the most effective champions of the victims of disease, died yesterday, aged 69.

After receiving her life peerage in one of the first of Mrs Thatcher's honours lists, Lady Lane-Fox was a hard-working member of the Upper House...

She had been a polio sufferer since girlhood but built up a reputation as a formidable and apparently tireless committee-woman and fund-raiser.

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The stories of her cheerful briskeness were legion. When a miscalculation caused her wheelchair to be ejected summarily from her specially adapted car outside the House of Lords...

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She and her electrically-operated chair had indeed a special place in House of Lords folklore. There was a memorable occasion when she drove it over Lord Duncan-Sandys's foot.

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Felicity Lane-Fox was a Yorkshirewoman, born on June 22, 1918. An attack of poliomyelitis when she was twelve seemed to have ended the prospect of a vigorous young womanhood.

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PROF GEORGE MYLONAS

Professor George Mylonas, the Greek archaeologist who was an authority on ancient Mycenae, died in Athens on April 15 at the age of 90.

which is one of the classics in this trade. Born in Smyrna, on the Anatolian Coast, in 1898, he studied archaeology in Athens.

His main excavation work was with the late John Papadimitriou in the Outer Grave Circle at Mycenae, and before that the neolithic material at Olynthus...

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But this was a cosmopolitan (and witty) scholar whose endless energy was thoroughly dedicated to his science. His methodical approach was seen as a model.

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His great virtue was the prompt and thorough publication of his findings. He did so with Mycenae, after Papadimitriou's death, and particularly with Ayios Kosmas, the monograph on which is one of the classics in this trade.

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SIR DENIS HAMILTON

M. J. A. Hoare writes: Your obituary (April 8) was understandably largely concerned with the outstanding achievements of CDH's career as a newspaper man and editor...

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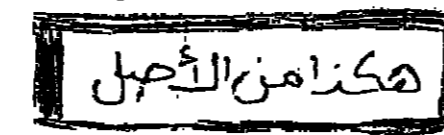
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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Spite's not right

On *Did You See?* (BBC2) last night, *Spitting Image* producer John Lloyd wondered why all the letters in *Points of View* were read by manic actors with ham voices. To underline the point he made a manically silly item featuring one ham actor - himself - attempting to be very funny about access television.

It is not difficult to become annoyed by *Points of View* nor difficult to be funny at the expense of *Network*, a stagey and unconvincing confrontation programme, but to match flippancy with flippancy and use them to laugh at the indecisiveness of the now-departed Michael Grade, looks like pure spite.

What irritated me about Lloyd's glib item, which contained some apt and wry remarks about making television programmes about television programmes, was that he rubbished Channel 4's *Right to Reply* with a single idiotic clip.

That programme has consistently provided the most informed and least sensationalized discussion of television issues - far better than the cosy debating society atmosphere of *Did You See?* - and it deserves better.

Elsewhere, television's weekend was dominated by victims, notably in a remarkable *Everyman* (BBC1) devoted to an inspiring lady who adopts and fosters herds of children in a house near Chelmsford. Jeanette Roberts was abused as a child and had a traumatic tale to tell; many of the 42 children she cares have been abused, are criminal, or are just plain difficult.

Jenni Murray, an interviewer who for sensitivity and pointfulness leaves most others far behind, drew out the stories without a hint of gloating. I would have liked to know more about the funding aspects of such a venture, but instead we saw discipline applied through what can only be described as moral force.

Lucky Sunil (BBC2) was a victim with very little going for him: a naive Indian arriving in Britain with high hopes and idealistic aspirations, who soon has his face rubbed in the mud and ends up bespattered with curry after a restaurant brawl, and is imprisoned for a week.

The film was brilliantly directed by Michael Caton-Jones and cleverly scripted by Andrew Davies, from stories told by one of the actors; just so we could not suspect it of prejudice, most of the ills inflicted on Sunil were inflicted by his own race, especially Balam, the wily Indian who introduces Sunil to gambling and wins all - including Sunil's future.

There were some hilarious stretches of film, notably in the law crammer where Sunil finds himself instead of London University; Benjamin Whitrow's delicious Mr Slipper was snatched, but his daughter Denise (Niambi Cusack) was almost too disturbing to be amusing.

Sunil's involvement in a Billy Bauer porno-flick was a rather forced sub-plot, but there was lovely acting throughout from Kulvinder Ghir as the young hero, who managed to keep a smile on his face to the final frame.

William Holmes

Sheridan Morley meets Joe Layton, director and choreographer of the musical *Ziegfeld* at the London Palladium

Master of the moment

ALAN WELLER

Opening at the London Palladium tomorrow week, after previews, *Ziegfeld* is, at three and a half million pounds, one of the most expensive stage shows ever created in this country. Its creator is, like its subject, neither a writer nor a composer.

Technically, Joe Layton is a director and a choreographer, but he prefers to think of himself as a stager, a man who can take an idea and turn it into a show without being unduly constrained by book, music or lyrics. Indeed, some of his greatest successes of recent years have been closer to Las Vegas than Broadway or the West End: stage shows built around the eccentric cabaret talents of Bette Midler, or spectaculars like the closing of the 1984 Olympics.

For all that, Layton had a comparatively orthodox start, setting out 50 years ago as a boy singer of Jewish songs.

"My father was a Brooklyn laundryman in the Depression, and as money was tight I used to go around singing, for 10 dollars a night. I was damn good at seven, but mother said there was even better money in dancing, so she pushed me into Juhlard. From there I auditioned for Agnes de Mille, and she put me into the original *Oklahoma!* at 15. I danced that in all of the 48 states which in those days made up the Union."

Like the other great Broadway choreographer of his generation, the late Bob Fosse, Layton then became a Jerome Robbins dancer and might have stayed a hooper forever, had it not been for the Korean War.

"I began staging shows for the troops, directing actors as well as dancers; and that made me decide I never wanted to go back to a chorus line again. The only trouble is that once you become a choreographer, if people ever see

you dancing again, they figure your career is in real trouble."

But, by the time he was 25, Richard Rodgers had hired him to choreograph the original *Sound of Music*, and from then on Layton's career was seldom in trouble.

"Once you meet and start working for one of those giants, you tend to meet all the others: by the time I was 30 I'd choreographed for Jule Styne and Frank Loesser; but it was really Noel Coward who started me as a director."

"When we did *Sail Away*, in 1960, he'd somehow forgotten how funny he could be. I think I helped him to loosen the show up, and when we were in trouble on the road we rebuilt it entirely around Elaine Stritch, who'd started out with a much smaller role."

"For a while I thought, after *Sail Away*, I'd just go on forever doing Broadway musicals; but then *Hair* broke out like a rash and suddenly even those of us who were still quite young were made to seem hopelessly old-fashioned; so I decided to move out to California and try movies, like *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

"But I couldn't bear the time they took to make; you spend what seems like five years, editing out every comma and every burp, until you finally lose the moment, the immediacy, the spontaneity that really matters. What is wonderful about a stage show is that it gets built again and again every night you play it."

"There's only so much you can do on a typewriter or in conference with writers, even when they're as talented as Ned Sherrin and Alistair Beaton, who we've got here. There then comes a moment when you have to look at the actors and the singers and the dancers you've hired and decide what they can do best, and build

the rest of the show around them.

"That was how I originally built *Barnum* in New York, and just as that was a man's life through his circus, so this is a man's life through his Follies. Just the name of *Ziegfeld* is enough to make you excited and want to find out about him: when I was a kid in New York, his Follies were still being staged, so I grew up in his era."

"The casting here is not as important as all those classic songs. I've staged 'A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody' so it lasts 18 minutes; and then we've 'My Man' and 'Stairway to Paradise' and 'Harvest Moon'. Robin Don's set is a wonderful manifestation of my scenic insanities."

"This has been both joyous and a killer to develop: the sheer scale is frightening, when you figure he had 40 mistresses. But what *Ziegfeld* understood best was exact spectacle, so we've gone right back to that."

"In New York today, a show like this would be economically impossible to risk. There's just no patience there any more, and it costs too much to make a mistake; which is why Broadway has become a kind of department store, importing all its good ideas and products from elsewhere."

"But over here a show like this is still just possible, and I think it's what I do best. After my wife died, leaving me with an eight-year-old son, I figured maybe I'd have to find some other way to make a living, but now my kind of shows seem to be coming back and luckily, in my late fifties, I've still got the energy to do them."

"Luckily again, over here, there are still a lot of people who just want to be entertained. In New York it's piranha time, and entertainment seems to be a dirty word. I just want to have a wonderful night in a theatre and make sure the audience does, too."



Still got the energy: Joe Layton pictured during rehearsals for *Ziegfeld*

RADIO

Partner picking

"I cannot go on in perhaps vain hope of meeting Mr Right, Mr Nearly Right will have to do." So said Colette Sinclair, in the closing moments of *The Male Order Business* (Radio Four, Wednesday) and you might say she was speaking for 99 percent of all the women that have ever been - those that have had any choice in the matter of male partner.

Yet almost none will have spent two years and a lot of money - most of it I gathered, put up by Colette's mum - in quite so determined and organised a pursuit of the unattainable. For this "attractive, tall, classy brunette" (her own description), married more than once and with a small, vocal child, had set out at the age of 31 to find male perfection by advertising for it in the press.

The *Tattler*, she discovered, produced the best class of cheap applicants via *Time Out* had more awareness, but a greater propensity for telling lies.

In the end it seems to have been a pretty disillusioning experience, not entirely unrelated, I suspect, to that of taking part in things like our own dear *Portfolio*, where for all but the lucky one or two, even an impressive opening quickly peters out. And maybe the two activities are related psychologically as well: both types of addict hoping for more luck than can be reasonably expected, both undeterred by repeated failure.

In Colette Sinclair's attempt, of course, the process quickly proved a great deal more crossive with so much emotion, so much self-esteem, invested in each new disappointment. Even her mum grew unenthusiastic: "I wouldn't say I've been impressed with any of them," she remarked. "They all took and didn't give." But then, as such a candid programme could hardly conceal, Colette herself was in the taking business too.

Catherine Mahony produced and presumably compiled as well, her excellent material only occasionally muddied by a liking for fading one voice in the background and superimposing another. That way you often don't hear either properly. Not because one isn't audible, but because it confuses the listener's attention.

But *The Male Order Business* was implicitly itself compared with *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Radio Four, Sunday, repeating tomorrow producer: James Whitbourn), a study by John Harper, organist of Magdalen College, Oxford, of the ways in which the 23rd Psalm has been set to music. Time and again sonorous illustrations faded behind commentary, thus ceasing to be illustrations at all; and when three alternative settings by Schütz followed each other, within approximately one minute, then serious fragmentation set in as well.

The best thing about *Gottolovo* (Radio Three, Tuesday; producer: John Theocharis) was Robert Stephens's performance as a human monster - which was as it should have been, for the part of Porfirij Vladimirovich was the hub on which Jack Winter's play turned. Based on a 19th century novel by M.E. Saltykov-Shchedrin, the story follows the physical and moral collapse of a Russian land-owning family.

As the members of its three generations died, or decayed in squalid circumstances, Porfirij seemed to feed on their disintegration, growing not only in wealth and an obsession with his accounts, but in every form of turpitude. It was entirely fitting that he should have died of cold on an ill-judged sleigh ride and that at the last the earth, itself frozen hard, should have declined to take him in.

I am sorry to see the end of *The Judges* (Radio Four, Wednesday), Anne Sloman's characteristically excellent production, of conversations between Hugo Young and one Scottish - five English, judges. These have been not only absorbing but, on the whole, encouraging.

All the contributors, each from a different branch of the judiciary, have not only made it plain what judges do and the framework within which they must operate, but have often been revealing, both by statement and implication, about questions of inherent judicial bias. I came away with the impression that my chances of a fair hearing from these six were as good as, in the nature of things, they are likely to be.

David Wade

Dim prospect

The press release for this 75 minutes of fey Irish chatter describes it as a "romantic adult comedy, somewhere between Woody Allen and Flann O'Brien".

Now, when I was a boy, growing up in West Surrey, we proudly told visitors that the highest point between the Andes and the Urals was Leith Hill (you had to draw the night line). But we never were so deranged as to suppose that our local eminence - 965 feet - had much in common with Popocatepetel or the Siberian Peaks.

Ben Keaton, co-devisor and co-actor, hails from Dublin, as did the peerless O'Brien; and, like Woody's persona, the character Keaton plays is flummoxed by New York women. There resemblances end.

We first see him, dressed as a pink rabbit, delivering a telegram in the Lower East Side. Knowing nothing about girls, being from Ireland, he falls easy prey to the first one who asks him into her apartment, and soon is down to his grey underpants and red socks, losing his virginity to the bold, slow climax of *Rhapsody in Blue*.

But she is an artist's model and, when her nude portrait is bought

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ICA for the National Gallery of Ireland. He panics, being Irish, lest his mother discover what girls look like when they take their clothes off.

Speaking hesitantly, moving slowly and smiling faintly, Keaton earns a good laugh when he tries to lean nonchalantly against a mantelpiece too low for his elbow. And the pair of them are touching when she hangs upon his neck and both are still, but two good moments is not a high score over 75 minutes.

The girl is played by the American clown, Cairo Cannon, modestly likeable when she does not smile at us after a sight gag. I daresay a press release would describe her comic style as somewhere between Tallulah Bankhead and Beatrice Lillie.

Jeremy Kingston

Penelope Keith takes the role of Hester Collyer in Terence Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea*, directed by Alan Strachan, at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, from April 19. The production then moves to the West End.

Kent Opera's spring tour begins at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, on May 4 with a new production of *Count Ory*, which will be joined by *A Night at the Chinese Opera* and *Don Giovanni*. The tour includes performances at Canterbury, Plymouth, Southsea and Eastbourne, where it ends on June 11.

Two Dames head the bill of The Australian Bicentennial Celebration concert at Drury Lane on Sunday, May 15. Dame Joan Sutherland will sing in extracts from *Norma* and *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Dame Edna Everage, aka Barry Humphries, will narrate Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* with Royal Opera House Orchestra conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras.

Barry Tuckwell is the soloist in Mozart's Horn Concerto No 1 in D, which he has completed and orchestrated himself. The concert will be attended by Princess Alexandra.

Mad about the girl

After berating the Royal Opera House once or twice recently for drab and unimaginative casting in the Italian repertory and for fielding singers past their best, it is a pleasure to record that this weekend's revival of *Lucia di Lammermoor* has a quartet of principals at - or close to - their vocal prime. But *Lucia* often brings out the best in Covent Garden. With Sutherland, Anderson, Bergonzi and Kraus all fresh in the memory, not too many risks can be taken.

So here is Edita Gruberova singing the title role in London for the first time, a part for which she is famed in Central Europe. In Act I it seemed that expectations had been pitched a little too high. The timbre was too hard and the volume turned up too loud; surprisingly, also, the top of the voice sounded a bit pinched. Gruberova, with a multitude of neurotic gestures, was offering, in "Regnava nel silenzio", a Lucia who, if not off her trolley, was certainly not sitting on it dead centre.

That all changed in Act II, with the confrontations first with brother Enrico and then with Raimondo, as ineffectual a tutor as a poor girl could have wished upon her. Here Edita Gruberova put back the warmth into her soprano and with it a sense of the pathos of Lucia surrounded by

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Lucia di Lammermoor

Covent Garden those trying to bend her will. There were some thrilling soft notes and in the sextet of the Wedding Scene some thrilling loud ones as well.

The Mad Scene was spectacular, especially in the flute accompanied passages of deranged memory, with, again, the voice under perfect technical control. The final "Spargi d'amaro" lacked a little brilliance, but Gruberova got the ovation she deserved.

Luis Lima has sung Edgardo here before and, although he is approaching 40, he looks as though he is fresh from high school. The voice is remains fresh too, especially in Act I, where Lima was the mainstay of an evening still finding its way. Everything Lima does is clean and direct: tone, diction, acting. But there were signs of tiredness in the closing "Tu che a Dio", covered by too many intrusive sobs. Where Gruberova improved steadily Lima started at a high level and then slid a bit.

Wolfgang Brendel, the ad-

vised Enrico, was replaced at the last minute for the opening night by Alexandru Agache, who happened to be in London for auditions. This is the second time in a few months that the Romanian baritone has helped out Covent Garden - the previous occasion was in *Ballo*. He did the same highly professional job, wanting only some more polish in phrasing. Covent Garden should now award him a new production and proper preparation.

The bass Giorgio Surian, who has spent most of his career in Italian houses, made an impressive British debut as the tediously pious Raimondo. But the Royal Opera need to do something about the casting of the comprimario roles: a quavering Normanno, a dumb Alisa.

Sir John Pritchard had a changeable evening in the pit, beginning in his most laid-back style and content to keep the whole thing together. Then he proceeded to conduct the great ensemble passages with immense authority, pulling the whole stage into the sweep of Donizetti's music. Zeffirelli's production has long been a shadow of its original self and indeed it is now mainly shadows - misty *Ghost Goes West* baronial - but they retain some potency.

John Higgins

DONALD COOPER



Youthful veteran in a clinch with a warm debutante: Luis Lima (Edgardo) and Edita Gruberova (Lucia)

Similar purpose, differing results

Two more French dance companies in the short season organised by The Place presented pieces at the weekend remarkable for their similarities and differences.

Mathilde Monnier's company *De Hève* is the better known. In *Je ne vis pas la semaine, caché dans la forêt* she uses two actors and five dancers, in a decor made of scaffolding and sheets of plastic, with projections, properties and many changes of costume, that range from chic through satirical to deliberately sloppy.

The construction is episodic, building a lot on contrasts: between one secretive girl and another who is cute and lively; between a big sloppy clown of a man and his sadly hopeful little

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Theron/Monnier

The Place sidekick: between them and the personable, strong younger men.

Once it got going, which took quite a while, there was a lot of lively, unexpected movement, but the general purpose remained hermetically concealed, the effect intriguing, clever, but not emotionally involving.

In many ways I was more impressed by what Didier Theron achieved with fewer resources. For *Les Partisans* he has just himself and two young women as dancers:

no scenery, simple costumes. But, with these modest means, he sustained a suggestion of people in hazardous circumstances, constantly on the alert for unknown danger.

There was no specific plot like Monnier he arranged a succession of episodes to a potpourri of music. But he did succeed in conveying the strain on the relationships among the three, and he did it with movement that found a new motif for each episode and developed it exhaustively.

I found the concern for human feelings more direct than in Monnier's work; but the two choreographers share a purpose of shaping movement to a complete structure.

John Percival

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MONDAY PAGE

Only a vicar's daughter

Fiona Richmond is now Mrs James Montgomery. Libby Purves learns about the real life of a legend

To those of us who were susceptible young adults in the early 1970s, the name Fiona Richmond is as suggestive as a scarlet lace garter-belt. She was more than a nude pin-up girl...



Home from the ranch: Fiona Richmond, the doting mother, with her three-year-old daughter, Tara

'I thought I would be the sort of mother who had fleets of nannies'

Yet here is Mrs Julia Montgomery, Hampshire housewife, pillar of the community, anxious and devoted mother of a three-year-old girl, talking about broken nights, baby-sick, potty training and the small frustrations of day-to-day motherhood...

certain age, he'll come absolutely straight round." If, however, he nurses happy fantasies of a pin-up housewife answering the door brandishing a suggestive feather-duster, he will be disappointed. She will probably be at the kitchen table, crayoning with little Tara.

started a clothing business before I had her, but I decided to pull out and spend time with Tara. Not that I'm very good at it; I'm endlessly frustrated. I get cross, then feel guilty.

became apparent that it wasn't I doubt very much whether she has changed very much at all - except as marriage and motherhood change anybody. Nor has she seen any error in her former ways: the cottage is proudly crammed with pictures of her in her various shows and centrefolds ("I only ever did pretty nudes, you know")...

Adjusting to fit into the correct class

How do you slot a household into a social class? John Rentoul, in the New Statesman, took that particular question to bits and tried to put it together again after he had read a highly analytical study called Social Class in Modern Britain by Marshall, Newby, Rose and Vogler (Hutchinson, £25).



resentful of that world his wife is likely to be.

The conclusion of Marshall, Newby & Co, which Rentoul was not able to dispute, is that although wives usually hold jobs which are at a less classy level than those of their husbands, the class of the couple's household is most likely to be influenced by the man's job. In other words, the woman adjusts up. It then follows as the night the day that married women, even when they are earning a salary of their own, will tend to go into a polling booth and then vote in the way that they imagine that their husbands' colleagues would.

When she saw businessmen tucking into fillet steak she thought of the wives having beans on toast

of researchers to back me up. What I do have is a pertinent remark made by Mrs Harold Wilson (as she then was) to the effect that whenever she travelled first class in a plane and saw a whole load of businessmen tucking into fillet steak and as much free wine as they could swallow, she always thought of their wives having baked beans on toast at the kitchen table. Now you do not have to be called Marshall, Newby, Rose or Vogler to perceive that someone who lives off baked beans has a different view of the world from someone who is constantly administered to by secretaries, air stewardesses and chauffeurs, and very often that view is more bolshevik.

TOMORROW

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Tired of looking tragic: Daphne Hamilton-Fairley

"I do have an au pair, but she looks after the house, mainly. I thought I would be the sort of mother who had fleets of nannies and shot back to work, but it hasn't turned out that way. I had actually

run the house full-time. Gordon was a successful, peripatetic man and the first professor of oncology at Bart's and the Royal Marsden Hospital. She heard the news of her husband's death when she was in China with the Friends of the Tate Gallery. "At first I could not take it in at all; when I did, the horror was compounded by the fact that I didn't know whether my eldest daughter, Diana, who was living at home, had been killed as well."

"It also gave other people something to talk to me about. People were so uncomfortable about what had happened to us - they really did cross the street to avoid talking." Another source of strength was a rehearsal for death the family had in 1965, when Gordon thought he might die from cancer. "The children were very young at the time, and my first reaction was anger. Not poor you, but poor me left alone with four children. He dealt with this quite remarkably by saying: 'You are right and it's time now to start your independence training.' He sent me off on holiday on my own - you must remember that up until then I had never even stayed in a hotel by myself. He taught me how to organize banking and so forth. Even today I still find slips from him written in my files saying 'get television licence' or 'car insurance - pay six monthly'."



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- 6.00 **Cee-fax AM**
- 6.35 **Leon Errol in Double Up (b/w)**
- 7.00 **Breakfast** Time includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel bulletins at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; and weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
- 8.55 **Regional news and weather**
- 9.00 **News** and weather followed by **Open Air**. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on the weekend's television programmes. 9.20 **Kibroy!** Robert Kibroy-Six chairs a studio discussion on back pain. With surfers and those who would like to help.
- 10.00 **News** and weather followed by **The Playhouse (r)**. 10.25 **Children's BBC**. **Foxy Crane** with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School (r)** and **Gran (r)**.
- 10.55 **Wheeler with a read** 1.00 **News** and weather followed by **Open Air** presented by **Pattie Caldwell** and **Eamonn Holmes**.
- 12.00 **News** and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with **Patricia Armstrong** in **Long Lartin** prison in **Worcestershire** to find out what life is like in one of the country's top security establishments. **Russ Bromby** Tyler sitting at the prison concert. 12.55 **Regional news and weather**.
- 1.00 **One O'Clock News** with **Michael Buark**. **Weather**. 1.30 **Neighbours**. Lucy is in a dilemma about her secret - should she keep it or confess? 1.50 **When in Spain**. The first of five programmes in which **Andrew Sachs** explores Spain in the company of **Manuel (r)**.
- 2.15 **Insolence**. The **Cher** is on the trail of an artist who apparently committed suicide after murder of his wife's lover. Starring **Raymond Burr** and, this afternoon, **Broderick Crawford (r)**.
- 3.00 **The People's Court**. Judge **Joseph A. Wagner** rules on the cases of **The Cosmeidian Who Rased a Few Eyebrows** and **It Was Written in Cement**. 3.25 **Watchdog**. Consumer affairs series (shown again at 7.35).
- 3.50 **Scrapping and His Tea-Time**. **Telly (r)**. 4.10 **Healthlife** with **Cats and Co**. 4.30 **Rotund Rat** - The Series II. The guest in this first of a new series are **June Whitfield**, **Chris Sere** and **Bananarama**.
- 4.55 **Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter**. (Cee-fax) 5.35 **Neighbours (r)**.
- 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with **Sue Lawley** and **Nicholas Witchell**. 6.35 **London File**.
- 7.00 **Wogan**. With **Anthony Perkins**, **Tim Sebastian** and **Lord Litchfield**. Music comes from **Danny Wilson**.
- 7.35 **Watchdog**. Consumer affairs series.
- 8.00 **Don't Wait Up**. Comedy starring **Tony Britton** and **Nigel Lavers (r)**. (Cee-fax)
- 8.30 **The Radio Show (r)**. (Cee-fax)
- 9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with **Martyn Lewis** and **Moirá Stuart**. Regional news and weather.
- 9.30 **Paranormal Child Abuse**. **Robin Denelow** reports from **Greenwich** and **Newcastle** on the effects of the 22 per cent rise in children on the local authority 'at risk' register on social workers.
- 10.10 **Film 88**. Among the films reviewed is **Flowers in the Attic**; on video, **Outrageous**, **Radio Days** and **Roxanne**.
- 10.40 **Come Dancing**. The first of a new season introduced by **Angela Ripston** from the **Southeaston** Guildhall.
- 11.25 **Business Matters**. **Sloan's Ranges**. An examination of the marketing techniques of **Alfred Sloan Jr** who planned the break of the **Model T Ford** strand on the motor industry in the 1920s.
- 11.50 **Weather**.

BBC2

- 6.55 **Open University: Maths - East Squares**. Ends at 7.20.
- 9.00 **World Snooker**. The first of six visits of the day to the **Crucible Theatre**, the venue of the **Embassy World Professional Championship**. **David Icke** introduces first round action involving **Dennis Taylor** and **Silvino Francisco**. The commentators are **Ted Lowe**, **Jack Carraway** and **Chris Evertson**.
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Anna Ford narrates *Daughters of Abraham* (BBC2, 10.20pm)

- 8.10 **Horizon: Easter Island - The Story**. The second of two programmes investigating the mystery of one of the most isolated islands in the world. (Cee-fax)
- 9.00 **World Snooker**. First round action in matches between **Joe Johnson** against **Cliff Wilson**; and the concluding frames in the **Tony Knowles/Danny Fowler** encounter.
- 9.50 **It's Garry Standing's Show**. American comedy series (r).
- 10.20 **Daughters of Abraham**. **Staleness in Gaza**. The first of a new series in which two Palestinian women and two Israeli Jews talk about their lives and beliefs. Tonight's programme features **Mary Khass**, a pacifist and **Queker** who organizes nursery schools and groups at home in the nine refugee camps of the Gaza Strip. She believes in a continuing dialogue with the Israelis. The narrator is **Anna Ford**.
- 10.50 **Newsnight**. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day. With **Peter Snow** and **Dorinda MacCormick**. 11.25 **Weather**.
- 11.40 **World Snooker**. **David Vine** with an up-date of the day's play.
- 11.50 **Open University: Arts Foundation Course - Handel's Messiah**. Ends at 12.20am.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 **TV-am** presented by **Richard Keys**. Includes news on the hour and half hour, weather, financial reports, travel and sports bulletins. After Nine includes advice from child psychotherapist **David Phipps**.
- 9.25 **Thames News**.
- 9.30 **Lucky Ladders**. Game show presented by **Lennie Bennett**. 10.00 **Santa Barbara**. 10.25 **News headlines**.
- 10.30 **The Times**. The Place... **Khalid Aziz** chairs a discussion on a topical matter. 11.10 **Let's Pretend** to the story of **The Woodpecker**. 11.25 **Thames news headlines**.
- 11.30 **Stress**. The second of a series of six programmes examining sources of stress and how to reduce the harmful effects of them. Today's programme examines breathing techniques - meditation and the Alexander Technique.
- 12.00 **The Sullivan**. 12.30 **Quarantines**. Quiz show presented by **Mattie Hill**. Today's guests are **Wynne Williams**, **Eric Carte**, **Kali Greenwood**, **Maggie Henderson** and **Mervyn Spottis**.
- 1.00 **News at One**. 1.20 **Thames News**.
- 1.30 **Film: Kill Me Tomorrow (1957)** starring **Pat O'Brien**. Thriller about a crime reporter who is offered the £2,000 he needs for his son's operation if he confesses to a murder he didn't commit. Directed by **Terence Fisher**.
- 3.00 **Untold Pain**. Four women tell of the domestic violence they have had to endure. 3.25 **Thames news headlines**. 3.30 **The Young Doctors**. Medical series set in a large Australian city hospital.
- 4.00 **Tickle on the Tum**. Village tales for children. 4.10 **The Moomins (r)**. 4.20 **The Moomins**. 4.45 **City Tales**. Episode two of the three-part children's drama serial.
- 5.15 **Winner Take All**. Family quiz game presented by **Geoffrey Wheeler**.
- 5.45 **News 6.00** **Thames news**.
- 6.30 **Reporting on** presented by **Liz Pike**. When London's poor miss out on the EEC food mountain distribution; and the search for a cure for cot deaths.
- 7.00 **Nature Watch** with **Julian Fratcher**. The story of the **Siddie** family in **Zambia** who have given over their lives and home to orphaned chimpanzees. (Oracle)
- 7.30 **Coronation Street**. **Rita** is having trouble with **Alan**. Flash new image; and **Mike Baldwin** is in for a shock. (Oracle)
- 8.00 **All in Good Faith**. Comedy series starring **Richard Briers** as a vicar experiencing a mid-life crisis. (Oracle)
- 8.30 **The Trial of Actors**. The Trial of **Theresa**. (See Choice)
- 9.00 **Boon**. Harry books a country and visits a sick for the hotel and falls for the bar manager. (r). (Oracle)
- 10.00 **News** at Ten. 10.30 **Thames News**.
- 10.35 **Murder: Live From Death Row**. Interviews with convicted killers including the mass murderer **Charles Manson**.
- 12.30am **Sportsworld Extra**. Tennis from **Dallas** and European football news.
- 2.00 **News headlines** followed by **Film: Splendor (1935, b/w)** starring **Miriam Hopkins** and **Joseph Cotten**. A soul is given the cold shoulder when he doesn't marry the heiress of his mother's choice. Directed by **Elliott Nugent**.
- 3.30 **The Twilight Zone: The Shadow Man**. A tale of the supernatural.
- 4.00 **News headlines** followed by **Talk**.
- 4.30 **Reeling... The Actors**. **Jane Alexander**.
- 5.00 **ITN Morning News**. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 **Coping**. The first of a series showing how people from all walks of life have coped with the kind of problems that could affect anyone. Today's programme features **Fred who** has had a year's rest when playing in a works football match. His kidneys had failed and since then he has depended on a home dialysis machine (r).
- 6.30 **Review of the Week**. A programme in the seven-part magazine series for the hearing impaired.
- 7.00 **Channel 4 News**.
- 7.50 **Comment and Weather**.
- 8.00 **Review of the Week**. **Barry** receives an anonymous telephone call about his trees; **Bobby** is still trying to fight for the apprentices' jobs; and **Shelia** and **Paul** discuss the problems in her marriage. (Oracle)
- 8.30 **Kate & Allie**. American comedy series starring **Susan Saint James** and **Jane Carrin**.
- 9.00 **Review of the Week**. The second of the four-part documentary from **Belgium** in which **Daniel Cohn-Bendit**, 'Danny the Red', takes an emotional reappraisal of the upheavals of the late 1960s in Europe. Tonight's programme focuses on **Michael Chemin** who, in the 1960s and early 1970s, played a leading role in some of France's fiercest industrial disputes and on **Barbara Kostal**, then an Opel car factory manual worker, who is now active in the feminist movement in Frankfurt.
- 10.00 **Hill Street Blues**. The Hill Street cops in **Los Angeles** murder a man who helped capture the man squabble over the reward money. Starring **Daniel J. Travanti (Oracle)**.
- 11.00 **Review of the Week (1982)** starring **Philippe Clément**. Representatives of the Red Cross visit a 'model' South American prison and meet some of the inmates. Directed by **Richard Linklater**.
- 12.30am **Through an Unknown Land**. A fictional portrait of contemporary Britain seen through the eyes of a working class family. Directed by **Phil Mulloy (r)**. Ends at 1.45.

VARIATIONS

- BBC1 WALES** 8.35pm-9.00 **News Today** 8.35-9.00 **News** followed by **Leopold** 9.00-9.30 **Rugby Special** 12.50am-12.55 **News** and weather **SCOTLAND** 10.55am-11.00 **Sport** 6.25pm-7.00 **Reporting Scotland** **NORTH-EAST** 8.35pm-9.00 **News Today** 8.35-9.00 **News** **ENGLAND** 6.25pm-7.00 **Regional news** magazines.
- ANGLIA** As London except 1.20pm-1.30pm **News** 1.30-1.50 **News** 1.50-2.00 **News** 2.00-2.15 **News** 2.15-2.30 **News** 2.30-2.45 **News** 2.45-3.00 **News** 3.00-3.15 **News** 3.15-3.30 **News** 3.30-3.45 **News** 3.45-4.00 **News** 4.00-4.15 **News** 4.15-4.30 **News** 4.30-4.45 **News** 4.45-5.00 **News** 5.00-5.15 **News** 5.15-5.30 **News** 5.30-5.45 **News** 5.45-6.00 **News** 6.00-6.15 **News** 6.15-6.30 **News** 6.30-6.45 **News** 6.45-7.00 **News** 7.00-7.15 **News** 7.15-7.30 **News** 7.30-7.45 **News** 7.45-8.00 **News** 8.00-8.15 **News** 8.15-8.30 **News** 8.30-8.45 **News** 8.45-9.00 **News** 9.00-9.15 **News** 9.15-9.30 **News** 9.30-9.45 **News** 9.45-10.00 **News** 10.00-10.15 **News** 10.15-10.30 **News** 10.30-10.45 **News** 10.45-11.00 **News** 11.00-11.15 **News** 11.15-11.30 **News** 11.30-11.45 **News** 11.45-12.00 **News** 12.00-12.15 **News** 12.15-12.30 **News** 12.30-12.45 **News** 12.45-1.00 **News** 1.00-1.15 **News** 1.15-1.30 **News** 1.30-1.45 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Brain surgeon to do more transplants

By Pearce Wright and Craig Seton

A professor who carried out foetal brain cell implant operations defended his actions last night and insisted he would evaluate more patients to continue his work.

Professor Edward Hitchcock's disclosures have prompted a moral and ethical debate but he said: "I would appeal to anyone to pause and think about what Parkinson's Disease does to people and whether it would be ethical for us to deliberately withhold from sufferers a technique which may offer some prospect of relief."

"If we are not careful in all the heat generated by the debate, the legitimate and very pressing needs of patients suffering from a particularly nasty and debilitating disease will be pushed to one side."

The professor said there was no question that foetus were being aborted so that he and his team could perform their operations.

He said: "There is no link whatever between the circumstances of the original abortion and the subsequent use of a tiny part of the available tissue from the dead foetus."

He said it was quite erroneous to suggest that the way was being opened up for the deliberate production of embryos for so called spare part surgery.

He said: "My colleagues and I would have nothing to do with such a process nor do I know of any doctors who would."

He understood there were individuals with sincerely held reasons who opposed abortion but he said that by expressing criticism of the operations he had carried out they were confusing two quite separate ethical issues.

MPs and anti-abortion campaigners are demanding an urgent statement from the Government on the

a code of practice governing the use of foetal tissue in medical research after the 1972 Peel report.

Dr John Dawson, head of the association's professional and scientific division, said: "Any new treatment arouses some emotion."

"When a potential breakthrough of such magnitude arises in medical research it has to be subjected to the most rigorous assessment verging on the obsessive."

The association's guidelines will stress the need for total separation between doctors terminating a pregnancy and

those wanting to use foetal tissue.

Professor Hitchcock implanted brain cells from two aborted foetus into the brains of two patients in the first operations of their kind in Britain on March 3 and April 7. The operations were carried out at the Midland Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, Smethwick.

The patients, a man of 41 and a woman of 60, have since shown dramatic improvements and are reported to be recovering well at home.

Professor Hitchcock, the professor of neuro-surgery at Birmingham University, said the cells he used were obtained from what he described as "tissue bank."

"It is tissue I got in the same way as other colleagues in other fields get their tissue. It is not a live foetus we are talking about", he said. "Ethical considerations would apply to them as it would apply to me."

"I have absolutely no doubts of this particular way of doing it. We have to proceed and see how it goes."

He insisted the technique - which has just been banned in the United States - is "not condoning abortion. This is simply the use of material that has already been aborted", he said.

"We have been preparing for this kind of operation for years. All the ethical issues have been very carefully considered over a very long period."

Sandwell Health Authority said: "It is not the job of the health authority to intervene in the work of doctors and clinicians."

Professor Hitchcock would not transplant tissue from a live foetus, a foetus resulting from in vitro fertilization or a foetus aborted specifically for that purpose.

The authority said: "The tissue is from a tissue bank and used for a variety of medical research projects, including tumour formation. There are places where tissue from dead foetuses goes for subsequent dissemination to approved medical research projects. It collected from a wide variety of sources."



Professor Hitchcock: defended brain transplants.

controversial technique after the operations on two Parkinson's Disease sufferers.

The British Medical Association proposes to issue guidelines that will affect the operations next month, and it cautioned yesterday against research on the new treatment being swept along on an uncontrolled tide of emotion.

Currently, there are no guidelines on the clinical use of foetal tissue, although Professor Hitchcock said the Department of Health and Social Security had laid down

A rebel concentrates his mind in the mill pond



Off duty: Michael Mates, the senior Conservative backbencher, wades into a mill pond to study his collection of wild fowl and black swans, far away from the studios of the nation's television and radio

stations. The two black swans and 15 pairs of ornamental wild fowl were part of his effort to bring back to life the pond in the garden of his home near Petersfield, Hampshire. Mr Mates, MP for Hampshire East,

said: "Looking after them is a way of relaxation for me. When we moved here three years ago, the mill pond was without any form of life. We introduced the wild fowl to bring it to life again." Mr Mates took time off

at the weekend to work in his garden and mill pond before spending much of yesterday at the centre of national attention, fitting from interview to interview defending his position as chief rebel against the Government's

proposed flat-rate poll tax. He remained his usual calm self as he stood knee-deep in the pond, and joked that this was one "rebel peacefully awaiting execution". (Photograph: Peter Trivisono)

Moscow's call for joint role

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despite denials from Mr Arafat on the need for recognition of Israel's security interests to be taken into account in any settlement. He had also appeared to suggest that a solution could be reached which would allow for only partial withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967, possibly excluding East Jerusalem.

"These are signals that a joint move between Moscow and Washington to solve the conflict may be just around the corner," an Arab diplomat said.

"With the continuing Palestinian unrest and ominous military developments in the Gulf war there now seems a shared feeling between Soviet and US officials that the whole region is again in danger of getting completely out of control and thus endangering both their best interests."

Heavy fighting over Iraq's Faw peninsula Iran forces 'on retreat'

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Baghdad (AP) - Iraq said yesterday that its troops supported by units of the elite Presidential Guard had staged a two-pronged attack and retaken part of the southern Iraqi Faw peninsula, captured by Iran early in 1986.

A correspondent for the Iraqi News Agency reported seeing the bodies of thousands of Iranian troops on the battlefield and said that large numbers had been captured.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, denied the Iraqi claim, saying the attackers were driven back by Iranian Revolutionary Guards with hundreds of Iraqi casualties.

Tehran radio, also monitored in Cyprus, reported "heavy fighting" in the Faw area yesterday evening and

claimed Iraqi forces used internationally banned chemical weapons against the Iranian forces there.

Iraq said it fired six missiles into Tehran and one into the southern city of Shiraz, bringing the total fired into Tehran since February 29 to 132. Tehran radio said the latest missile attacks killed nine civilians and damaged homes and shops.

The Iraqi agency said "pitched battles" were being fought yesterday after the offensive launched on Saturday night in the marshy peninsula, which juts out into the Gulf and straddles Iraq's only sea entrance.

The agency said Iraqi forces had taken the "saline area" referring to the southern half of the peninsula which is

waterlogged much of the year. The area is hundreds of square miles but only a small part was occupied by the Iraqis. The agency also said coastal regions along the saline area were "completely liberated."

It was the first time Iraq had taken the initiative in the ground war since mid-1986, when it occupied the virtually abandoned Iranian town of Mehran.

TEHRAN: Mr Muhammad Larjani, the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, claimed that UN efforts to end the Gulf War had a chance of success if Iraq ended its refusal to comply with Security Council Resolution 598, which calls for a ceasefire and also provides for a panel to allocate responsibility for starting the conflict.

Fury as ministers attack Heseltine

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frey Johnson-Smith and Mr Graham Bright have told Mr Mates, on whose amendment the Commons will vote tonight, that they have withdrawn their support for him.

Others, like Mr Robert McCrindle, have also indicated that Mr Nicholas Ridley's concession has swayed them.

But Mr Mates yesterday told *The Times* that there were still 44 MPs who had supported his amendment and who have still not removed their names from it. Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, is also planning to back him.

The unusual attack on the rebels showed the anger within the Government over their action.

Government sources said the Whips no longer felt they were dealing with people who supported the Mates amendment but "a hard core who regard this as an opportunity to kick the Government in the shins".

They were "hitch-hiking" on a convenient vehicle to express their dislike of the Government.

Government sources maintained that despite his denial, Mr Heseltine had adopted a very high profile in recent

weeks in trying to persuade as many MPs as possible to support Mr Mates.

It was said that he had made "a serious error of judgement" in identifying himself with a core dominated by MPs who have either been dismissed from the Government or who were disappointed that they had never been appointed to it.

It was said that Mr Heseltine could well have jeopardised his chances of returning to the government.

However, others said the row over the poll tax amendment would not have allowed to reach such a pitch if the skills of Lord Whitelaw had been available to the Government. There was criticism of the way in which Ministers had personalised the argument.

"This is what happens when there are not strong alternative voices in a cabinet. Every argument against something is taken as a threat. And it is no good the Prime Minister making a foray into the tea room only days before the vote. That is like leaving all your canvassing in a general election until the last week", said one backbencher.

Mr Heseltine has not been involved in the detailed planning of the rebel's strategy,

Passenger warns of 'our dark fate'

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to conclude that another execution is the only way to break the impasse.

It appears increasingly likely that the deadlock in Algiers can now only be broken by the departure of the Boeing 747 to another destination. According to local diplomatic sources, the Algerians would

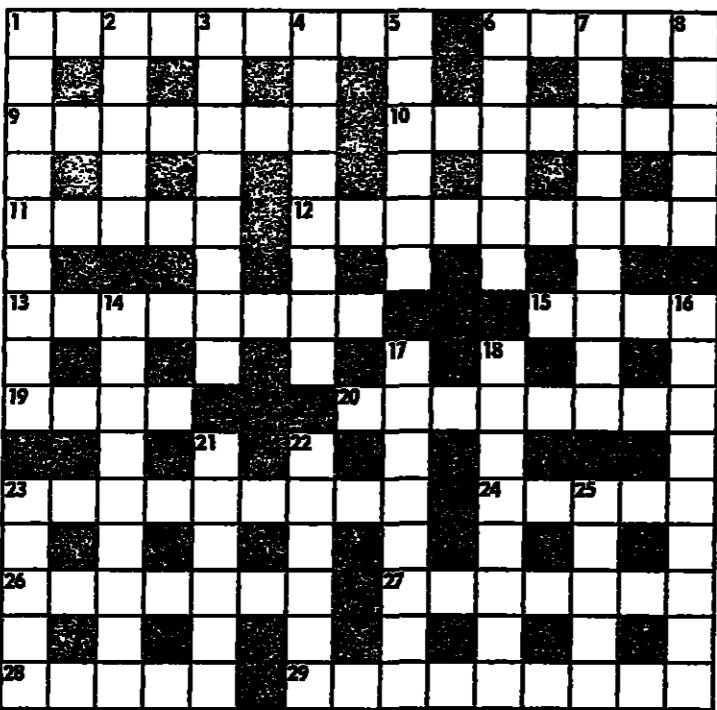
reluctantly accept a deal involving the exchange of the 32 passengers aboard for enough fuel to reach another airport. Where that would be is another matter. On political and diplomatic grounds, Iran and, possibly, Libya seem the only realistic candidates.

The Kuwaitis are acutely aware that Algerian patience is

wearing thin. The Emir of Kuwait has been telephoning senior government officials here regularly to emphasize the need to stand firm against the terrorists.

Sources said yesterday that the Algerians were hoping to re-involve the Palestine Liberation Organization in negotiations.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,646



- ACROSS**
- Really dislike finding a man to be wrong about one (9)
 - Food for some Sherpa's table (5)
 - A deep-voiced vocalist in the main? (3-4)
 - Make a song about leaving when separating into classes (7)
 - The musician's very very good on a ship (5)
 - Plant rush to excellent effect (9)
 - Modern erection - badly designed (8)
 - Rows dividing the faithful (4)
 - Deployed course sound (4)
 - French article about a family issue making no sense (8)
 - Gloomy forecaster - not given credit (9)
 - What the film is all about (5)
 - Mean to state how old one is (7)
 - Brave holding Eastern holy man the closest (7)
 - A physicist's place (5)
 - Looks on exercise as a problem in a sense (3-6)
- DOWN**
- Non-drinker in a bar set to get drunk (9)
 - Love good friends - they're jewels (5)
 - Wise men fill in a journalist, it's thought (8)
 - Making dope doubly popular is criminal! (8)
 - Bearing a flower in spring (6)
 - Having to recompense outside staff is a travesty (6)
 - White-livered invertebrate (9)
 - The church lacking change - many will give such a coin (5)
 - Before the finish rebuilding proves to be uneconomical (9)
 - The only one in a suit wearing a vest (9)
 - Remove the back seat (8)
 - Leftists with acrimonious following get the bird (8)
 - Canadian mock savoury (6)
 - Stick a short notice in this place (6)
 - Move quickly in water but slowly on land (5)
 - Love game disaster in last of series (5)

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- COMIX**
- Rude comic strips
 - A UNESCO committee
 - A Byzantine Emperor
- POLDER**
- To crumble away
 - Land reclaimed from the sea
 - Suffolk omelette with gravy
- BORBORYGM**
- A kind of satirical verse
 - A fart
 - A swamp or bog
- HALALA**
- A coin
 - The uproar of a mob
 - A spiced rice dish

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,645 will appear next Saturday

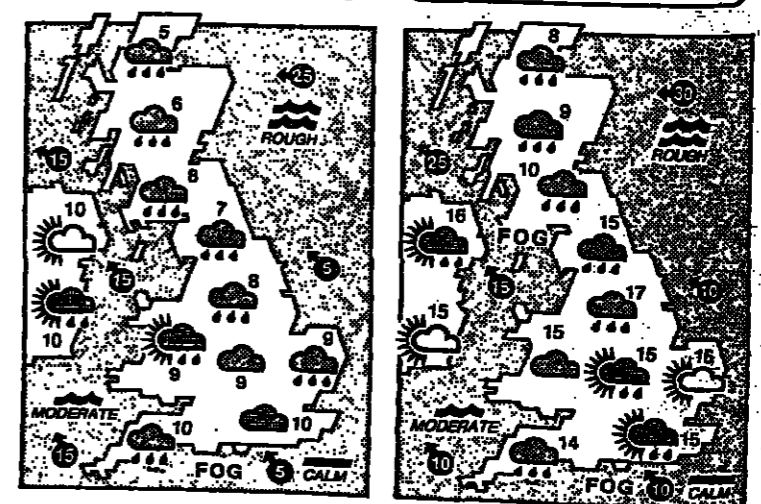
WEATHER

Rain likely everywhere, especially in Scotland. Eastern England should start off mostly dry. Temperatures generally down; in Scotland and north-east England an easterly wind will make it feel cold. Hills and windward coasts likely to be shrouded in fog. Outlook: unsettled.

ABROAD		AROUND BRITAIN	
City	Temp	Temp	Wind
Algeria	17	15	SE 12
Alexandria	17	15	SE 12
Athens	19	17	SE 12
Bombay	29	27	SE 12
Buenos Aires	19	17	SE 12
Calcutta	29	27	SE 12
Cairo	24	22	SE 12
Colon	29	27	SE 12
Hong Kong	24	22	SE 12
London	17	15	SE 12
Lyons	17	15	SE 12
Madrid	17	15	SE 12
Moscow	17	15	SE 12
Paris	17	15	SE 12
Rome	17	15	SE 12
Singapore	29	27	SE 12
Tokyo	24	22	SE 12
Yokohama	24	22	SE 12

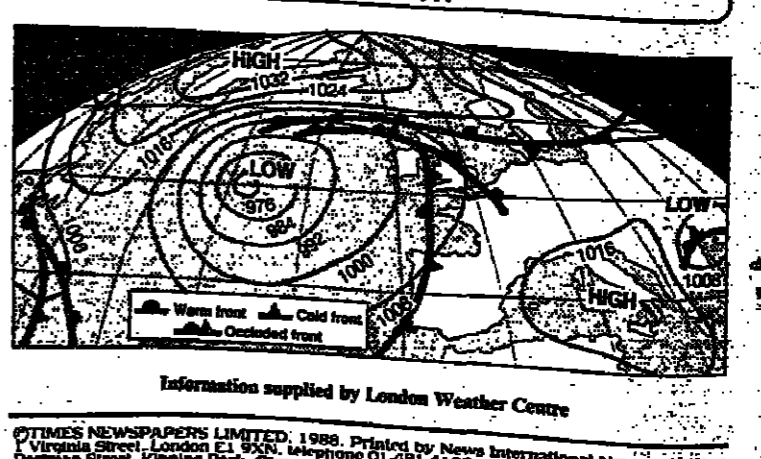
HIGH TIDES		THE POUND	
City	Time	Bank	Bank
London	3.42	Australia	2.47
Aberdeen	9.18	Austria	2.70
London	3.42	Belgium	65.00
London	3.42	Denmark	11.38
London	3.42	France	11.38
London	3.42	Germany	3.08
London	3.42	Italy	2.47
London	3.42	Japan	220.00
London	3.42	Netherlands	3.08
London	3.42	Spain	164.00
London	3.42	Switzerland	1.47
London	3.42	USA	1.47
London	3.42	Yugoslavia	2.47

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LONDON		YESTERDAY	
Temp	Wind	Temp	Wind
17	SE 12	15	SE 12
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7	SE 12	5	SE 12
5	SE 12	3	SE 12
3	SE 12	1	SE 12

LIGHTING-UP TIME		NOON TODAY	
City	Time	City	Time
London	5.26	London	12.00
Edinburgh	5.30	Edinburgh	12.00
Manchester	5.30	Manchester	12.00
Peterborough	5.31	Peterborough	12.00



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STOCK MARKET

(Change on week) FT 30 Share 1415.7 (+2.3) FT-SE 100 1778.6 (-1.1) Bargains 26144 (31521) USM (Datastream) 146.88 (+1.62)

THE POUND

(Change on week) US dollar 1.8880 (+0.0115) W German mark 3.1331 (-0.0053) Trade-weighted 78.3 (same)

Financial telephone service launched

The world's most technologically advanced and comprehensive financial information service, Stockwatch, is being launched today.

It is a sophisticated financial phoneline providing its members with instant access to more than 10,000 up-to-date prices of shares and other investments, and is expected to fascinate anyone with an interest in the stock market or unit trusts.

Free membership of Stockwatch is available to readers of The Times, who will also, on application, be given a free telephone keypad. At the same time they will be given the opportunity to buy a tone dialling telephone at a discount, and the chance to win £50,000 via a daily competition.

Stockwatch is launched in conjunction with the British Telecom subsidiary, BT Citycall, which pioneered the financial phoneline in 1985, and is generally acknowledged as the world leader in this field.

It provides up-to-the-second prices of some 3,000 shares, and constantly updated prices of 1,000 more. And from May 1 it will supply constantly updated prices of some 7,500 unit trusts, bonds and funds.

The service also has a portfolio valuation facility. All members will be issued with a personal password, which will enable them to construct their own portfolio within the Stockwatch computer. Thereafter an instant, up-to-date valuation will be constantly available.

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Courtaulds fears buying by predator

Courtaulds this week hopes to discover who is behind the buying that chased its shares up 26p to 370p on Friday, when six million shares changed hands starting speculation that a predator was putting together a take-over bid.

Analysts, however, are far from convinced about the bid theory. Many point out that the textile sector generally has been selling at a too-generous discount to the market as a whole, and believe that Friday's buying was no more than a re-rating exercise.

Courtaulds shares are still selling for less than 8.5 times earnings, against the 13-plus average for the market as a whole.

If a bid does emerge it may well come from overseas, since much of the buying so far is understood to have emanated from abroad. Hoechst and Bayer, the two German groups, are in the frame, as is the American Du Pont group. At home Hanson, which is said to have expressed an interest in the past, is among the favourites.

Delta may be poised to buy

City analysts believe that Delta, the £400 million electrical equipment and metals group, is likely to step up its campaign to land a substantial acquisition after increasing speculation that a bidder is hot on its own tail.

Last summer's failed £70 million bid for George H Scholes, the circuit-breaker specialist, was seen by many as a partly defensive ploy.

But it has had to turn its attention elsewhere. Now rumours of an aggressive move, possibly from RTZ, could make it speed up the process.

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Stock markets wait on battle over the dollar

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Exactly six months after the stock market crash of October 19, dealers on financial markets are braced for another testing day today, as speculators and central banks battle over the exchange rate of the dollar.

Poor US trade figures knocked 101 points off Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average on Thursday, but share prices in London and New York stabilized on Friday, leaving the Dow above the psychological 2,000 mark.

But after last week's swift slide in the dollar against all other leading currencies, the resolve of central banks to continue large-scale intervention in support of the currency will be closely watched this morning.

City analysts regard the fate of the dollar as crucial to share prices and interest rates.

Mr Jeffrey Thompson of BZW said: "The direction of other markets depends on whether the bearish view of the dollar prevails in the Far East."

The Bank of Japan is widely expected to intervene actively if necessary to stop the dollar falling far below Y124, but some dealers are already assuming the dollar will eventually fall to Y120 or lower.

"New York is still fragile," said Mr Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew. "But the central banks will continue to support the dollar. They cannot give up that easily."

"The dollar cannot be rescued by an agreement between the White House and Congress this time. The banks have to stick at it, and when the speculators realize that, they will pull back from attacking the dollar for now."

After the meeting of world financial leaders in Washington last week, finance ministers said they would continue support to stabilize the dollar. But Mr Onno Ruding, the Dutch finance minister, said this could not go on for ever. There will be pressure on Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, to raise the discount rate by 1 per cent if central bank buying fails to revive the dollar.

Share prices in London are likely to be marked down modestly this morning as market-makers test the reaction of investors.

Even bearish analysts are not expecting further sharp falls in the short term. "The FT-SE 100 share index will probably sag but not plunge," said Mr Thompson. "I expect the Dow to trade between 1,900 and 2,000 for the rest of the month." Mr Charles Larkum of James Capel said Thursday's share plunge was just an unthinking reaction.

Now Guinness inquiry expands to cover Bell

By Lawrence Lever

The Department of Trade and Industry's investigation into Guinness has expanded to cover alleged insider dealing in the takeover of Arthur Bell & Sons.

The DTI-appointed inspectors are believed to be investigating large purchases of shares in Arthur Bell & Sons, made shortly before Guinness announced a takeover bid for the company in May 1985.

The Bell share purchases under scrutiny appear to have been co-ordinated by one man who, apart from a small share purchase, did not use his own name.

The Stock Exchange is understood to have investigated the purchases and passed information on to the DTI inspectors, who have

wider powers than the exchange, such as that of interviewing witnesses on oath.

The Fraud Squad is also believed to be focusing some of its efforts on investigating alleged insider dealing. These investigations could lead to criminal charges.

Other share dealings are also under investigation by the Guinness inspectors, the Fraud Squad and the Stock Exchange.

These include purchases of shares in Matthew Brown, ahead of a bid for the brewer from Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, and purchases of H Samuel shares before a bid for the company from Ratners, the jewellery group, in May 1986.

Department of Trade

inspectors have recently interviewed Mr Pat Townsend, the former chairman of Matthew Brown. Sources close to the DTI have suggested that it was the Guinness inspectors who conducted the interview. There is no suggestion that Mr Townsend had been involved in any wrongdoing.

It had originally been thought that the interview was part of a separate investigation into insider dealing by civil servants.

The Guinness inspectors have already interviewed more than 120 witnesses since their appointment in December 1986 and accumulated 60 volumes of evidence.

The investigation is still continuing, with further witnesses being interviewed

BP bonanza in new wave of North Sea oil finds

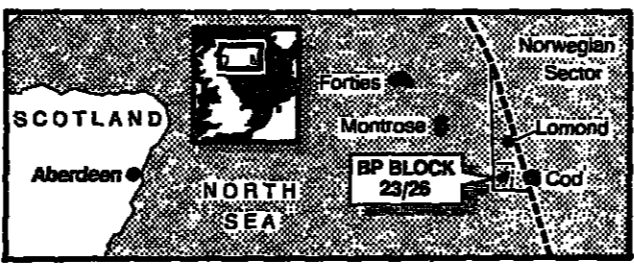
By David Young Energy Correspondent

BP is understood to be sitting on a potentially large North Sea oil discovery in its block 23/26, East of Aberdeen.

The oil group has refused to comment on the results of its exploration work but 10 wells have been completed on the block. BP is believed to be planning to announce that the oil reserves on the block will be added to its list of projects for board investment approval.

Industry sources suggest the new field, if confirmed, could rival Britoil's Forth project or Enterprise Oil's Nelson field. Either of these discoveries could produce up to 100,000 barrels a day.

The two discoveries, plus BP's prospect, confirm that the new wave of North Sea exploration and development forecast by Mr Peter Morrison, the Minister of State for Energy, is well under way.



Figures soon to be announced by the Government will show that Britain is adding to its usable North Sea oil and gas reserves at a steady rate. Several new oil developments, which will create jobs in the offshore construction yards in Scotland and the North-east, are likely to be announced in the coming year.

The pace of development in the offshore gas industry is also likely to be stepped up as supply contracts for the next decade are placed with oil companies that are increasingly using British-developed

sub-sea technology to bring into production smaller offshore gas fields discovered several years ago, but considered uneconomic to develop.

Amoco has also announced that it has completed a successful appraisal well in the Drake area of the southern North Sea. It has used the jack-up rig Mr Mac, and tested substantial flows of gas and gas condensate. Amoco, the operator for the block, which is half owned by British Gas, has said it has "been encouraged" by the results and is now planning further appraisal drilling.

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From Maxwell Newton New York

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Revolt by institutional holders on shares sale



Controversial stake: Mike Luckwell at home at Worplesdon, Surrey, yesterday

TV-am disposal queried

By Joe Joseph

The 15 per cent stake built up in TV-am by Saudi interests will today become the focus of fresh controversy when minority shareholders in Beaverbrook Investments, the vehicle used by the Saudis to buy into the television station, protest to the City's Takeover Panel over how part of the Saudi holding has been sold.

The revolt by institutional shareholders, who feel they have been short-changed by the deal, is likely to prolong the uncertainty hanging over the affairs of TV-am. The uproar led to the resignation of Mr Jonathan Aitken MP, as a TV-am director, and the departure of his cousin, Timothy, as chairman.

The controversy was re-kindled last Thursday when Beaverbrook, led by Mr Jonathan Aitken and Mr John Hemingway but controlled by the Saudi company Al Bilad, sold a 5 per cent stake in TV-am, meeting a request by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to reduce its stake below 10 per cent.

The shareholding fell for £4.64 million, or 142p a share, to Mr Mike Luckwell, former managing director of and largest shareholder in Carlton Communications, the television services company.

Mr Luckwell said yesterday: "I have spoken today to John Hemingway, who says that third parties are trying to make waves but that there is no question of the deal not going through."

But Beaverbrook's minority shareholders - which include Commercial Union and Municipal Mutual - want to revoke the sale in favour of a takeover bid for Beaverbrook by Quantum, an offshore fund managed by Mr George Soros, the Wall Street financier. Quantum, which owns about 7 per cent of TV-am and is the second largest shareholder in Beaverbrook, has offered 170p a share for Beaverbrook.

Since more than 90 per cent of Beaverbrook's assets are its 15 per cent holding in TV-am, the institutions say last week's sale price to Mr Luckwell of 142p values Beaverbrook at 158-159p a share.

The fight against the sale is being headed by Mr Mervyn Greenway, of Capel-Cure Myers, the broker. He said: "I am questioning whether the board of Beaverbrook, which also represents the Saudi interests, acted independently in making the decision to sell to Luckwell or refuse the Quantum offer."

Mr David Nabarro, of Prudential Bache Capital Funding (Equities), which acts for Quantum, said yesterday: "We're all hopping mad with Jonathan's behaviour."

P&P set for £50m valuation

By Carol Ferguson

P&P, a computer company that has grown from nothing to a turnover of £70 million in eight years, is coming to the market this week by way of a placing.

Mr and Mrs Pete and Pam Fisher, the P&P of the company's name, started selling Apple-related products from their South London home in 1980, and now jointly own 80 per cent of a group that is likely to be valued at about £50 million when dealings start.

P&P is primarily a distributor of microprocessing equipment, selling it wholesale to dealers who in turn sell it to end-users. Half its sales are personal computers (PCs) supplied by IBM, the largest PC manufacturer, Amstrad, the lowest cost, and Compaq, the number one IBM "clone" manufacturer.

P&P also deals directly with a small number of large users of micro-computers, including ICI and Rolls-Royce. Pretax profits for the year to November 28, 1987 were £4.2 million, double the previous year's result.

Mr David Southworth, P&P's managing director, says the market for micros is growing at 30 per cent a year, and he expects this to continue until 1991.

The company is now developing a partnership with Apple Computers to improve the quality of the Apple market-place which, Mr Southworth says, is still very diverse.

After the full listing, in which 25 per cent of mainly new shares will be placed with institutions, the founders, who are disposing of only a very small number of shares, will be left with 60 per cent.

Cash raised will repay debt, currently standing at £5.5 million, increase working capital as the company grows, and fund acquisitions.

The shares will be listed on the main market.

Barclays faces US storm over £921m cash call

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Barclays Bank is set to run into a further storm of criticism over its £921 million rights issue this week when Mr Brian Pierce, the bank's finance director, flies to the US to meet American investors.

While British institutions are certain to accept the issue, however reluctantly, US investors unused to subscribing large amounts of capital to banks are expected to be more vociferous in their opposition. Responsibility for selling the issue in New York will fall on Goldman Sachs, Shearson Lehman and Salomon Brothers, which handled previous Barclays issues in the US.

Barclays says it has no idea how many US investors own its shares because many institutions hold them through nominee companies in Britain. Many investors, however, own shares in the form of American depository receipts which carry the same rights as ordinary shares.

In London, Barclays faces the embarrassment of a Stock Exchange inquiry into heavy dealings in its shares the day

before the rights issue was announced on April 7.

The issue was not underwritten by City institutions. This would normally reduce the risk of leaks. There were nonetheless strong rumours and some City brokers claim to have heard about the issue a week before it was announced. They suggest the leak may have come from informal conversations between Barclays and institutional shareholders. Ironically, Barclays share price rose slightly the day before the announcement.

Barclays is, however, relieved that the likelihood of a revolt among British institutional shareholders against the issue has receded, although several institutions expressed strong reservations during meetings with the bank last week. "The most commonly held view, in the words of one shareholder, is: 'A vote against the rights issue would be the same as a vote of no confidence in the Barclays management, and we don't want to go that far.'"

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The stock market's 101-point plunge on Thursday showed that continued domestic economic expansion, trumpeted by the White House, is not the friend of today's America but the enemy that can and will destroy the foundations of future stable economic growth in the 1990s.

Policy is for all practical purposes now in the hands of the Federal Reserve. The Administration is so preoccupied with electioneering and with papering over all and any problems that it is unreal to expect any hard decisions this side of February 1989.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party is being dragged further and further left as the Rev Jesse Jackson and Mr Michael Dukakis vie for the title of most-Marxist Presidential candidate this century.

Limitless welfareism may be a possible policy in a closed economy, ringed around with exchange controls and import controls, and managed by wage-price and interest rate controls.

But today, the US financial markets are deregulated; there is no prospect of imposing the whole armoury of a "command economy".

The markets are in charge. They do not like what they see.

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City faces a long and rough road to recovery

In the six months since the Crash of '87, the City has had to adapt to more than just lower share prices. Insider dealing and dubious takeovers have taken their toll on its reputation

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Some ostriches in the City have not yet given up hoping that they may soon be able to resume play according to the old familiar rules, under which everybody won, but some won more than others. Most, however, have come to accept that the texture of life in the City has changed decisively since the stock markets crash.

For many share dealers, bankers and the investors for whom they acted, memories of Monday, October 19, 1987 have become as painful and vivid as the day gunshots rang out through Dallas in November 1963. It was the day the music, the envy of overpaid yuppies and the biggest bull market ever, finally died.

As business dries up and blame is cast, jobs in the City have become as secure as

bivouacs in a storm. Thousands of dealers' desks in London and Wall Street are empty and the bloodletting is far from over. "Outplacement" agencies, the fancy employment counsellors who advise those whose red Ferraris were repossessed even before the warranties ran out, are the boom industry.

London's financial quarter hums daily with news of the latest disaster: one day it is a young trainee accountant who has run up millions in debts in the options markets; another it is dealing losses suffered by big stockbrokers caught out by the suddenness of the stock market's descent, or the departure of top men cursed for their subordinates' financial sins.

Last October was not the first time the world's bourses suffered from vertigo, although the severity of the fall had not been matched since the great Crash of 1929. That, too, had lain waste a generation that believed the cham-



Gloom and doom: panic selling in Wall Street on Black Monday while, right, in London dealers pause for breath

pagne days would never end. The latest whirlwind to whistle through Wall Street and London last week gathered its momentum by hitting a City already in turmoil. News of the crash has had to jostle for headline space with other scandals convulsing the Square Mile.

Investigations into the il-

legal activities in New York of Ivan Boesky, the fallen Wall Street financier, were followed by arrests here. Since then, some of the City's most famous names have been charged in the Guinness affair, and further arrests are expected. Three City accountants will be in court on insider dealing charges this month. If gold rusts, what

might iron do, ask the sceptics.

A year ago, most people had never heard of insider dealing. Now taxi drivers freely lecture one on the technicalities as each week brings news of another inquiry by Department of Trade and Industry inspectors into possible abuse of privileged stock market information.

Renewed interest by the City's watchdogs in large takeover bids has dragged some of Britain's top corporate names through the mangle. Government inspectors have been asking questions about Burton's takeover of the Debenhams department store group in 1985, although there has been no suggestion that Burton's directors acted illegally.

The public's tarnished perception of City morality was further eroded when details emerged that Dixon, the electrical retailer, had hired private eyes to snoop on the private lives of executives of Woolworth during a hostile £1.8 billion takeover tussle launched and lost in 1986.

The breadth of the surveillance further shocked the City's ancient regime, which had long grown used to its increasingly rough trade becoming ridiculed in plays such as Caryl Churchill's *Serious Money* and films like the newly released *Wall Street*, which portray greed as the oxygen of financial life.

The lingering pain of the stock market crash, blended with the Guinness affair and the spreading rash of insider dealing, has redefined the public's view of life in London's financial world. When Geoffrey Collier, a former director of Morgan Grenfell, one of Britain's top merchant banks, was handed a fine rather than a jail term after admitting insider dealing, the news was commonly greeted with sadness, not relief.

Being "something in the City" is no longer automatic grounds for admiration — a painful enough adjustment for many older stockbrokers, who have been forced to adapt to early-morning conferences and lunchtime sandwiches

snatched between telephone calls. To read opinion polls showing the public regards the City's natives as little more honest than snake oil salesmen in the old Wild West adds salt to the wound.

The patient is still far from well. A quick recovery appears unlikely, especially when so many onlookers — who gasped, disbelieving, as stockbrokers' salaries climbed as frantically as the score on a pinball machine — now watch the City's come-uppance with joy. Moreover, there remains much to unfold.

The daily volume of business on the Stock Exchange is still too thin to support the large staffs built up in the dizzy rush towards Big Bang.

The DTI and the Fraud Squad are still gnawing away quietly at various untried company files, their findings, if any, will dazzle intermittently like sputtering fireworks for some time yet as details leak, officially and unofficially, to the public.

The defendants in the Guinness trial were in court again last week and will return there soon, at the leisurely pace at which such complex prosecutions progress; the revelations could well fill space in the financial pages into the next decade.

Joe Joseph

USM REVIEW

Share price setback in junior market has not deterred the newcomer

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Share prices on the Unlisted Securities Market have, overall, suffered significantly more than fully-quoted shares in the six months since Black Monday. A comparison of the Datastream USM index with the FT-SE 100 index since October 16 — the Friday played havoc with the USM prices has declined by 35 per cent while main market prices have suffered a 21 per cent setback.

But although USM capitalizations might have taken more of a knock than their bigger brethren, the market has come through virtually unscathed in all other respects.

Using hospital terminology, Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, says the subject has fared somewhere between "as well as can be expected" and "comfortable."

"It did suffer initially because people thought it would be affected by a lack of liquidity but, as it turned out, that did not affect it," says Mr Graham Cole, the USM partner at Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountancy firm.

Statistics compiled by Deloitte show that while the average price-earnings ratio of companies on the USM has fallen by about a third from 21 to 13 since Black Monday, this has not deterred companies from making their USM debut. Some 36 companies have been floated on the USM in the past six months, only three less than in the preceding six months.

"Most entrepreneurs seem to have come to terms with the new relative values being placed on their companies by the market, and it is encouraging that the number of companies coming to the USM in the last couple of months is more than the backlog of those issues postponed in 1987," says Mr Cole.

"There will be a whole raft of USM floats coming out in the next two to three weeks and, if anything, the pace of new enquiries has quickened," he adds.

Deloitte's research shows that the quality of those new companies making their first tentative approaches about a possible USM float has also improved dramatically.

"I think that is because a lot more is known about the USM now," says Mr Cole.

"They know what the basic requirements are and they are

coming to us better prepared. It means that when we come to do the long form report we tend not to find any proprietorial naughties anymore — although that does make it rather boring," he jests.

One such newcomer is Moorfield Estates, a company founded in 1983 to acquire the property interests of its four founder directors — Messrs Tony Phillips, David Edelman, Geoff Hoffman and Ken Jackson.

In the year to end-October, Moorfield made profits of £613,000 on £7.5 million turnover. Although its impact day is not until tomorrow, it is expected to be launched on a p-e of no more than 13 and at a price of about 120p a share. Dealings will begin on April 26.

Epwin Group, which was floated just six months before

— on October 16 — the day of the hurricane, the shares touched an all-time high of 995p. Like everyone else Blenheim suffered in the crash, dropping to the 400p level. They closed at 470p last Friday.

But Mr Lewis does not have a lot to grumble about — he has used Blenheim's strong share price to good effect, making at least six acquisitions since the company went public.

The crash, however, not only played havoc with those companies that already had a quote, it also caused problems for those that were on the verge of obtaining one.

Copymore, the office equipment supplier, was one such casualty. It was due to make its debut towards the end of October but was forced to postpone it. It eventually took its bow in February but only after scaling down the terms of the issue with a placing of shares at 130p.

The price scored a 15p premium in early trading but closed on Friday at 126p.

Mr Jeff Godbold and Mr Claudio Sarno, joint managing directors of Copymore, are

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nevertheless bullish about the company's prospects. Last week they were showing their wares at the Secretary Show in London.

Copymore is making strenuous efforts to attract the attention of the office secretary whose standing in the world of commerce has been growing steadily in recent years.

"In the area of office equipment and supplies the secretary now has a lot of influence with her employer about the type of equipment to order," says Mr Godbold.

One man who has turned the bear market to his benefit is Mr Bob Morton, nicknamed "Big, Bad Bobby Bear" by his friends in the City. He is the deputy chairman of RHP Group and last month took over control of the troubled F&H Group.

Last week Mr Morton announced details of an acquisition for his other USM-vehicle, Hatfield Estates, the construction group. He paid £128,000 for the loss-making Kingham Construction of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, which will be financed by the issue of 100,000 Hatfield shares. Kingham has a turnover of more than £3 million a year and a £2 million order book.

Carol Leonard

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ANALYSIS

Stock markets struggle to exorcize the ghost of 1929

Share prices fell by a seventh on the London Stock Exchange on Black Monday. At the end of the working day, dealers and investors knew the long 1980s bull market in shares was over. By the end of the evening, that was old hat.

As New York's day unfolded, Wall Street's side of the previous week accelerated crazily as each further fall triggered computers programmed to sell stock and share index futures to protect big portfolios from further losses.

When the market closed, share prices had dropped by almost a quarter in a single day. By then, the talk was only of 1929, when a stock market collapse, apparently out of the blue, transformed US prosperity into the Thirties slump.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1987, Hong Kong closed its market for the week and City bookshops ran out of copies of Professor JK Galbraith's classic book on the great Crash. Ever since, fear of the "1929 scenario" has lurked at the back of the markets' collective consciousness.

That was one reason why New York dealers in particular, were nervous about today's semi-anniversary of Black Monday. In 1929, share prices quickly lost 40 per cent of their value, jumped back, then spent the spring recovering half their losses.

But in April 1930, just when confidence was returning, the recovery petered out and prices started falling again. They did not stop for another two years. By then, shares had lost four-fifths of their value.

By last Wednesday, the Dow had regained half the 30 per cent drop in the week culminating in Black Monday. The recovery had to survive this nifty period before its participants could finally exorcize the ghost of 1929.

The superstition lingers. Thursday's plunge in the dollar, set off by the contrast between the US trade figures and the complacency of world financial leaders in Washington, showed that Wall Street could still panic. It has set confidence back.

That has happened before. On January 8, the Dow fell 140 points during another attack on the dollar which the central banks eventually fought off to great effect. Thereafter, the New York Stock Exchange adopted a voluntary 50-point daily limit at which level index arbitrage trading through the exchange computer system was switched off for the day.

The superdot regime was tried on the downside for the first time on Thursday. It prevented a progressive collapse in the last hour's trading but did not stop other forms of selling, which left the index more than 100 points lower.

Share price in London have been chained by an anchor to Wall Street this year. As long as the shadow of 1929 persists, therefore, it is just as important to spot the differences as to dwell on the similarities.

Changed market structures, which put big institutions to the fore instead of individual speculators, have been much remarked.

As the Chancellor said last

week, however, the biggest difference is that the October crash has, thus far, proved to be a "non-economic event." After October, forecasters prudently cut their predictions for economic growth. But, outside the securities business and the financial district, nothing untoward happened.

Consumers did not stop buying, business did not halt expansion plans and, thanks to the authorities' swift and intelligent response, there was no string of failures among securities firms, banks or their customers. By March, financial analysts and international organizations had restored their economic growth forecasts and even raised them.

The share price recovery of 1930 was reversed by the economic effects of 1929, rather than by some mysterious force. Few such effects have appeared in 1988.

Big investors, having been reassured by the swift international action last autumn, including the crucial deal over the US budget deficit between the White House and Congress, now worry that nothing has really changed.

But that is cause for adjustment rather than headlong flight. It was, after all, selling in Tokyo which sparked off the New Year relapse as the dollar plunged against the yen while Japan's central bankers were on holiday.

Yet the Tokyo stock market, alone among all leading world markets, has shrugged off the crash completely. Prices hit records last week. Share prices are, finally, a product of investors' expectations for the trend of interest rates and company profits. Those calculations are applied to a flow of savings. And the result is faced with confidence, which can be affected by anything from political uncertainty to fear of history.

Attempts to resurrect confidence after October had varying success. Hong Kong's attempt to stop the rot by closing its markets backfired. In London, the Stock Exchange and the Government insisted that nothing much had happened on the principle that if one pretended there was no problem it would go away.

In New York and Washington great inquests were held, blame apportioned and measures proposed. In Tokyo, where the stock markets are seen as part of Japan Inc, support was organized and regulations adjusted to help demand for shares and obviate any need for sales.

Everywhere except Tokyo, confidence remains severely dented. Sentiment has changed a bull market into a bear market. Instead of viewing price falls as an opportunity to buy, investors see rises as a chance to take their profits or recoup their losses. Investors fear losing money by holding shares instead of missing profits by holding cash.

Bears fear a second leg of falling markets next year, when a new US president will have to cut demand or raise interest rates to adjust the unbalanced US economy - or be seen to be doing nothing. Today, the prospect for interest rates and company profits in most leading countries looks neither better, nor noticeably worse, than a year ago.

Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

Tokyo leads equity revival

Within a month of Black Monday, foreign investors on the Tokyo Stock Exchange sold half their holdings. They were scared.

Shares had soared, but by last autumn, they sold at an average 63 times company earnings, three times the rating in New York and four times that in London or Frankfurt. Surely this was a bubble ready to burst.

On April 7, Tokyo became the first market in the world to recover all its losses since the crash and touch a record.

Japanese investors never lost confidence and foreigners are returning, convinced that Tokyo is a different planet. It is not. Twice before, share prices have quadrupled in five years, then lost a third of their gains in the next five.

The world's leading share market, worth more than 40 per cent of the total, reflects the same interplay of forces. Outside Tokyo, that has left prices anything from 15 per cent below pre-crash levels to more than 30 per cent lower in Hong Kong and Australia, beset by scandals and tumbling company pyramids.

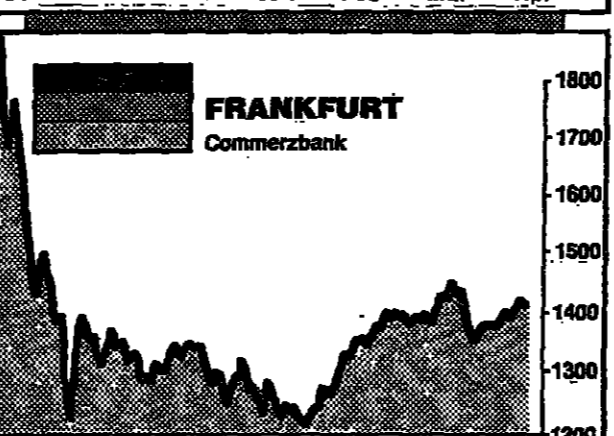
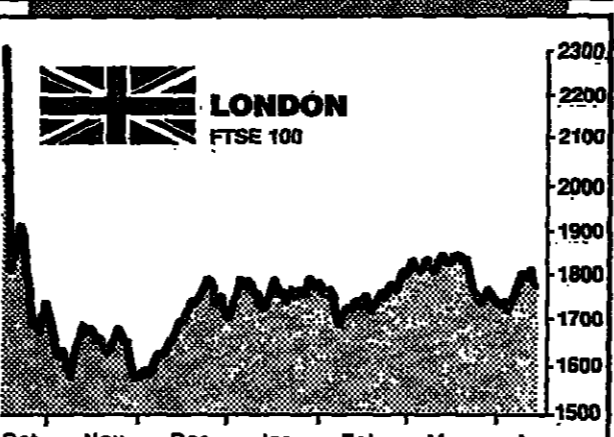
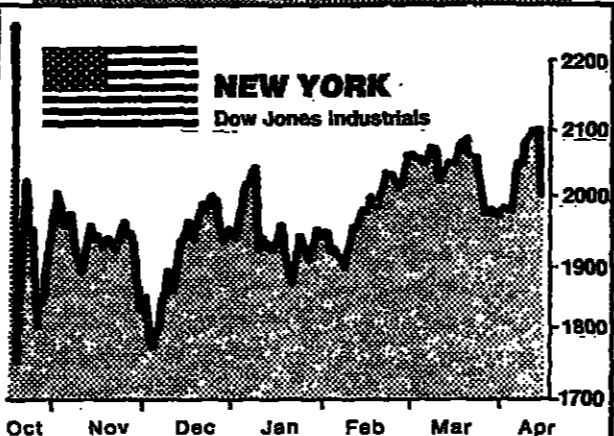
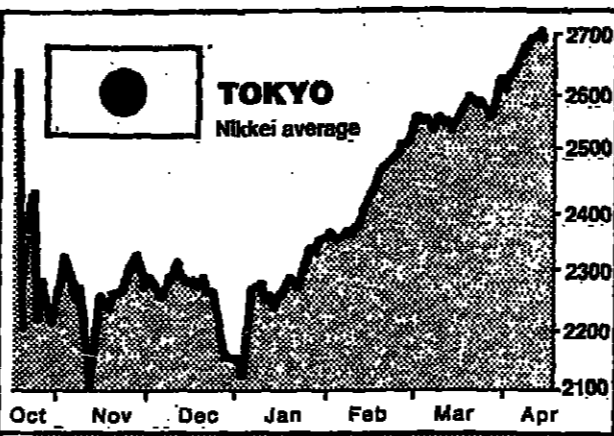
Tokyo had momentum, reaching a new high as the crash struck. Helped by official "guidance" to investment houses, shares dropped less than 12 per cent in the initial panic. London passed its peak in July, New York and Frankfurt in August.

Last year, British savings fell to their lowest in 30 years. The inflow to pension funds, the biggest share buyers, dried up because of contribution holidays. US savings are so low that markets rely on foreign, mainly Japanese, savers.

In Japan, savings are high and moving into domestic shares.

The US economy faces slower growth and probably higher interest rates. West Germany is still sluggish. Japan, initially worst hit by the rising yen, is growing strongly, through construction and finance.

Britain is growing too and interest rates have fallen, yet share prices are still 23 per cent down over six months. Dealers should follow Tokyo's lead in the morning rather than worry what New York might do in the afternoon.



ECONOMIC VIEW World economy takes the fall-out in its stride

19 OCTOBER SIX MONTHS ON

Finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of Seven nations must be getting used to seeing Armageddon break out in the world's financial markets a day or two after they have pronounced peace in our time. After the experience of Black Monday, less than three weeks after the reaffirmation of exchange rate stability last autumn, we saw an even quicker turnaround last week when poor US trade figures knocked 3 pennings off the dollar and 101 points off Wall Street less than 24 hours after the G7 had again opined that excessive fluctuation in the dollar would be counter-productive.

a revival during the first quarter of this year. Credit Suisse First Boston, for instance, estimates that consumer spending may have grown by about 0.8 per cent lifting it back above the third quarter of last year. The latest forecast by the International Monetary Fund predicts GNP growth of 2.9 per cent in the US this year compared with the 2.7 per cent it forecast in October just before the crash. This hardly looks like slump.

This must be embarrassing for even the most thick-skinned of ministers and officials. But, undesirable as such financial turbulence is, six months on from the October crash it may trouble governments less than it did then. For the verdict must be that so far, the effects of the massive correction in stock market prices have been much less than anticipated and that the world's leading economies have proved more resilient than feared.

In Britain likewise, growth prospects have, if anything, improved since last October. Savings have remained low and consumer spending high. The IMF is now forecasting growth of 3 per cent this year - the same as the Treasury - compared with its over-pessimistic 2.3 per cent last autumn.

In theory two effects could be expected from the fall in stock market prices. A reduction in shareholders' wealth would encourage higher savings and lower spending to repair the damage - this is the so-called "wealth effect." Secondly, because the cost of capital would rise as the yield on equities increased, company investment would slow down. At the same time there would be severe effects on individual countries as their export industries adjusted to the big fall in the dollar.

Economists in Germany never expected the crash to have any direct influence. But they did expect world trade to decelerate as demand slowed in the US and they expected the fall in the dollar to make life very difficult for Germany's exporters. Pessimism about the German economy gathered pace during the final quarter of last year until the expectation of 2 per cent-2½ per cent growth in 1988 which had been common at the end of the summer had been scaled down to only 1 per cent-1½ per cent around the turn of the year.

None of these effects has so far proved anything like as pronounced as expected. The increase in the cost of equity capital has been largely offset by cuts in the cost of debt finance as monetary authorities around the world cut their interest rates. In Britain, for instance, the last survey by the Confederation of British Industry showed that investment intentions are still very buoyant.

As it turns out, the contraction of demand in the US has been less than expected. German industry has adapted to the lower dollar and demand in Europe as a whole has substituted for some of the lost demand in the US. Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the German finance minister, is now once again forecasting growth of more than 2 per cent.

There has certainly been a wealth effect, at least in the US where it was most expected, but there are signs that it is already beginning to wear off. In the final quarter of last year US consumer spending dropped by about ½ per cent following strong growth earlier in the year - though as the peak came in August consumers may already have been drawing in their horns.

Japan has perhaps been the biggest surprise of all. Uniquely among the main stock markets Tokyo has recently regained and surpassed its pre-crash peaks so one would not expect lower share prices to have much effect. But the Japanese did expect to be hit hard by the fall in the dollar, which is now about 15 per cent lower against the yen compared with a fall of 8 per cent against the mark.

Britain is growing too and interest rates have fallen, yet share prices are still 23 per cent down over six months. Dealers should follow Tokyo's lead in the morning rather than worry what New York might do in the afternoon.

In the event, Japanese companies have taken the lower dollar in their stride. At the same time domestic demand has been given a big fiscal boost, and consequently the IMF has raised its growth forecast from 3.4 per cent to 4.1 per cent.

Another bout of financial turbulence is highly undesirable. But the worst fears which followed Black Monday have proved unfounded so far.

Rodney Lord Economics Editor

US exchanges in united front to answer critics

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Mr John Phelan, the unflappable chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, spends as much time in Washington as he does in New York these days, testifying to an impatient Congress on what has been done to avoid another traumatic market crash. It was therefore not surprising that when the trade deficit tremors shook the markets last week, causing Wall Street to plunge by 101 points in its fifth worst decline, Mr Phelan was again in a crowded hearing room, making a rare public appearance with Mr Leo Melamed, the chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Last week's message was similar to Wall Street's appeal in the 1930s. Both Mr Phelan and Mr Melamed warned Congress not to pass comprehensive legislation that would retard the free flow of resources, so handicapping their markets that business would be driven overseas. Both exchanges have taken self-corrective measures designed to head off a heavy-handed response from Washington. In an unusual display of harmony, the exchanges were actually co-ordinating some of their self-regulatory efforts to answer the recommendations of critics that there was only one, integrated market.

Mr Phelan said the pattern of trading since the crash was evidence that self-regulation was working. He said when the market plummeted by 140 points in January, a shock went through the system, but there was no financial or systemic crisis. Mechanisms to prevent one were in place.

Mr Melamed insisted that the largest holes in the system exposed by the October crash had been plugged. Among measures on the Chicago Merc, security deposits have been increased tenfold since last October to ensure sufficient capital. And speculative margin has been increased to a 15 per cent. On the NYSE, the electronic system that was severely strained during the 600 million volume day in October has been expanded by 23 per cent.

Exchange officials claim that these voluntary steps are sufficient to restore confidence while broader studies of liquidity and financial flows are carried out. Broader proposals for intra-market circuit-breakers and a "super regulator", notably the Federal Reserve Board, to have the final say on market activities, are not likely to be addressed until next year - or until there is another crash.

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Even as the market plummeted, the two exchange officials revealed they were developing the ultimate "circuit-breaker", a co-ordinated plan to shut down all trading in stocks and stock index futures whenever the Dow Jones industrial average moved up or down in a range of 200 to 300 points.

Dow Jones average moves up or down by that amount. Ironically, the limit was reached last Thursday, only hours after Mr Phelan testified, resulting in the closure of the exchange's automated Dot order execution system. But many traders said the 50-point collar did not work. Both Mr Phelan and Mr

Dealer capital requirements have been tripled and the specialist (market-maker) system, which performed erratically in October, is being overhauled. Firms found wanting lost their ability to make markets in specific shares.

"Given the events of last week, which showed us that the system is still fragile, I think it is very premature to state that there will be no congressional action this year," said Congressman John Markey, chairman of the House finance subcommittee.

Bailey Morris

Time to banish City blues

Reports of recession in the City have, it seems, been grossly exaggerated. According to Noel de Berry, managing director of management consultant and City head-hunting specialist Noel Alexander Associates, the popular press has painted a totally misleading picture. "Foreigners, who have read newspaper reports, come over here expecting to see the unemployed standing on every street corner in the City, with second-hand Porsches for sale in all the garages," he says. "But it just isn't like that. There may have been job losses as firms redefine their areas of operation after the rapid expansion that preceded Big Bang, but most people who have supposedly 'lost' their jobs are immediately reallocated jobs within the same firm or other, expanding areas of operation." De Berry tells me that he and his colleagues have repeatedly attempted to head-hunt individuals after City firms have announced large-scale job losses, only to find they are not available. "London is continuing to grow as a financial centre and overall the number of jobs in the City has increased," he says. "That rate of increase may have slowed down but it is, nevertheless, still increasing." His company's figures say foreign financial institutions in London - banks and securities houses - rose from 605 in 1986 to 618 last year.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Bernie's accumulator

As the 55 market-makers at Hoare Govett decide how to spend their £24,000 winnings from the Stock Exchange Grand National draw, their erstwhile leader, Bernie Leaver - who starts as managing director of Shearson's equity division next Monday - tells me he is still owed his share of the money. "I actually organized it all before I left to try

to boost morale," Bernie tells me. "But they haven't let me have the cheque yet." Joking aside, he says they could save the money to put on next year's Derby if a horse by the appropriate post-Black Monday name of "Where's the money gone" is racing. It is, after all, owned by a syndicate including Leaver and four of his former Hoare colleagues.

Market-makers An item which appeared in this column on December 22, might have given the impression that three senior market-makers who parted company with Morgan Grenfell were "underperformers". As I reported then, Colin Weaver, Malcolm Slaughter and

Michael Cocklin (former partners in Pinchin Denny), are experienced and widely respected market-makers. They could never be described as "underperformers" and left Morgan Grenfell with best wishes and agreeable redundancy packages. My apologies to all concerned if anyone misunderstood the original piece.

Keep your hair on

Chris Wright, the chairman of Chrysalis, the quoted record company, would be the first to admit he does not exactly possess a proud head of hair. And what there is could, I hear, be in jeopardy, a matter which is causing him some concern. The reason for his concern lies in the success of one of the label's protégés - the singer Sinead O'Connor, who happens to be bald. When her latest album, *Lion and the Cobra*, was released in the US, the head of the company's American operations, Mike Bone, was sceptical about its chances of making it in a big way. And he apparently backed his belief by agreeing to shave his full head of hair if the album sold more than 50,000 copies. In fact, it has sold more than 250,000 - as Bone's bald pate bears testimony. Not to be outdone, Wright has promised to give his barber *carte blanche* to run amok with his remaining locks if the album sells 1 million. "Quite frankly, I am starting to get rather nervous," said Wright. "I would really like to hold on to what little hair I've got."

Whatever next? At the so-called Hamburger University at the McDonald's offices in Illinois, 30,000 "Bachelors of Hamburgerology" have just been awarded their degrees. Students spend up to four years learning how to manage restaurants "and serve up good healthy food."

Carol Leonard



New for old

I hear Hollywood's Montecito Hotel, once home to Ronald Reagan and Mickey Rooney, has been smartened up as part of a programme by Los Angeles City Council to revive the once-glamorous movie capital, most of which is now about as glamorous as a hairnet. If Ronald was still looking for somewhere to live after the White House, he could have chosen the Montecito. Apparently it has been turned into low-cost housing for the elderly.

Notice of Redemption Homestead Savings A Federal Savings and Loan Association U.S. \$150,000,000 Collateralized Floating Rate Notes Due 1995 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Indenture dated as of November 1, 1985 (the "Indenture") among Homestead Savings (the "Company") and Citibank, N.A., as Trustee (the "Trustee") and Union Bank as Co-Trustee (the "Co-Trustee"), the Company has elected to redeem and will redeem on May 31, 1988 (the "Redemption Date") all of the outstanding Collateralized Floating Rate Notes (hereinafter called the "Securities") at the Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price") plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date. On and after the Redemption Date, the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon presentation and surrender of the Securities at the office of the paying agents listed below. On and after the Redemption Date, interest on the Securities shall cease to accrue. Paying Agents Citibank, N.A. 111 Wall Street, 5th Floor Corporate Trust Services New York, NY 10043 Citicorp Investment Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. 16 Avenue Marie Therese Luxembourg HOMESTEAD SAVINGS A Federal Savings and Loan Association by CITIBANK, N.A., Trustee NOTICE Under the United States Interest and Dividend Tax Compliance Act of 1983, any payment made within the United States, including payments by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank in the United States may be subject to reporting to the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and to backup withholding of 20% of the gross proceeds if payees not recognized as exempt recipients fail to provide the paying agent with an executed IRS Form W-9 in the case of non-U.S. persons or an executed IRS Form W-9 in the case of U.S. persons. Those holders who are required to provide their correct taxpayer identification on Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 and who fail to do so may also be subject to a penalty of U.S. \$50. Please, therefore, provide the appropriate certification when presenting securities for payment if payment within the United States is sought. April 18, 1988

FOREIGN EXCHANGES
Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 78.3 (day's range 77.9-78.3).
STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES
OTHER STERLING RATES

DOLLAR SPOT RATES
Inland 1.6075-1.6080
Singapore 2.0020-2.0030
Malaysia 2.5665-2.5675

MONEY MARKETS
Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9
Discount market Loans 10%
Overnight High/Low 6 Week 10%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)

BOARD MEETINGS
TODAY - Interims: Broad Street Group, China & Eastern Investment Company, New Cavendish Estates.
TOMORROW - Interims: Humberstone Electronic Controls, Regina Health & Beauty Products.

BASE LENDING RATES
ABN 8.00%
Adam & Company 8.00%
BCD 8.00%
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UNLISTED SECURITIES
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Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Bid, Offer, Dividend Yield, P/E Ratio. Lists gold-related companies like 2000 Alcon, 2000 Alcon.

Scots Law Report April 18 1988

Council's spending on slogan was unlawful

Stated Case by the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland relating to City of Edinburgh District Council. Before Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Dunpark and Lord Grievie.

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Court cannot investigate merits of council decision to close school

Regina v Gwent County Council, Ex parte Bryant. The courts could not investigate the merits of a council's decision to close a school but could only determine whether that decision had been lawfully made.

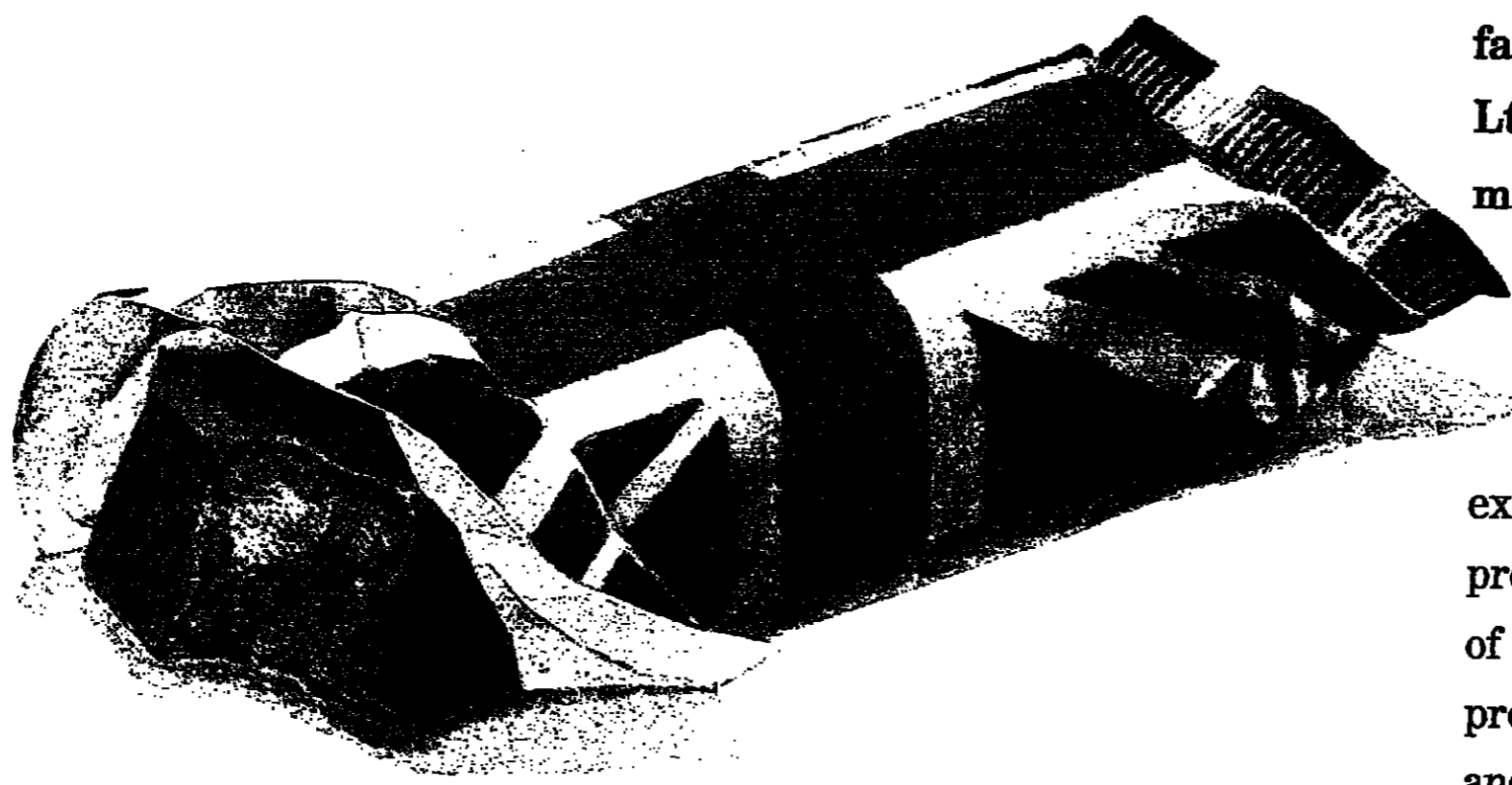
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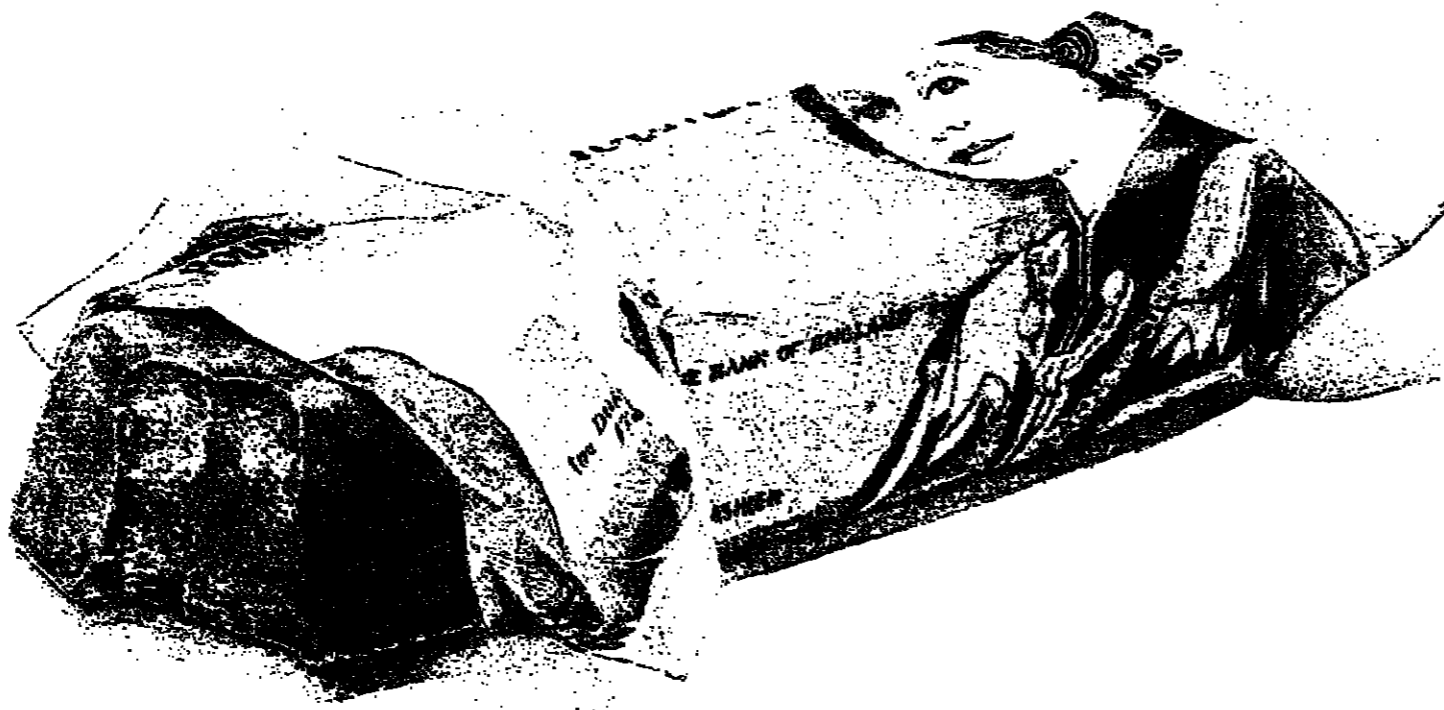
Let us quote just one small but typical example. Crunchie bars are now cut by a high pressure jet of coconut oil. This saves 50% of the honeycomb wasted by the old cutting process. It's one of the many modernisations and rationalisations that gave us a significant increase in productivity per employee. And that provided money - money that was used to boost our marketing effort.

Profits doubled as a result.

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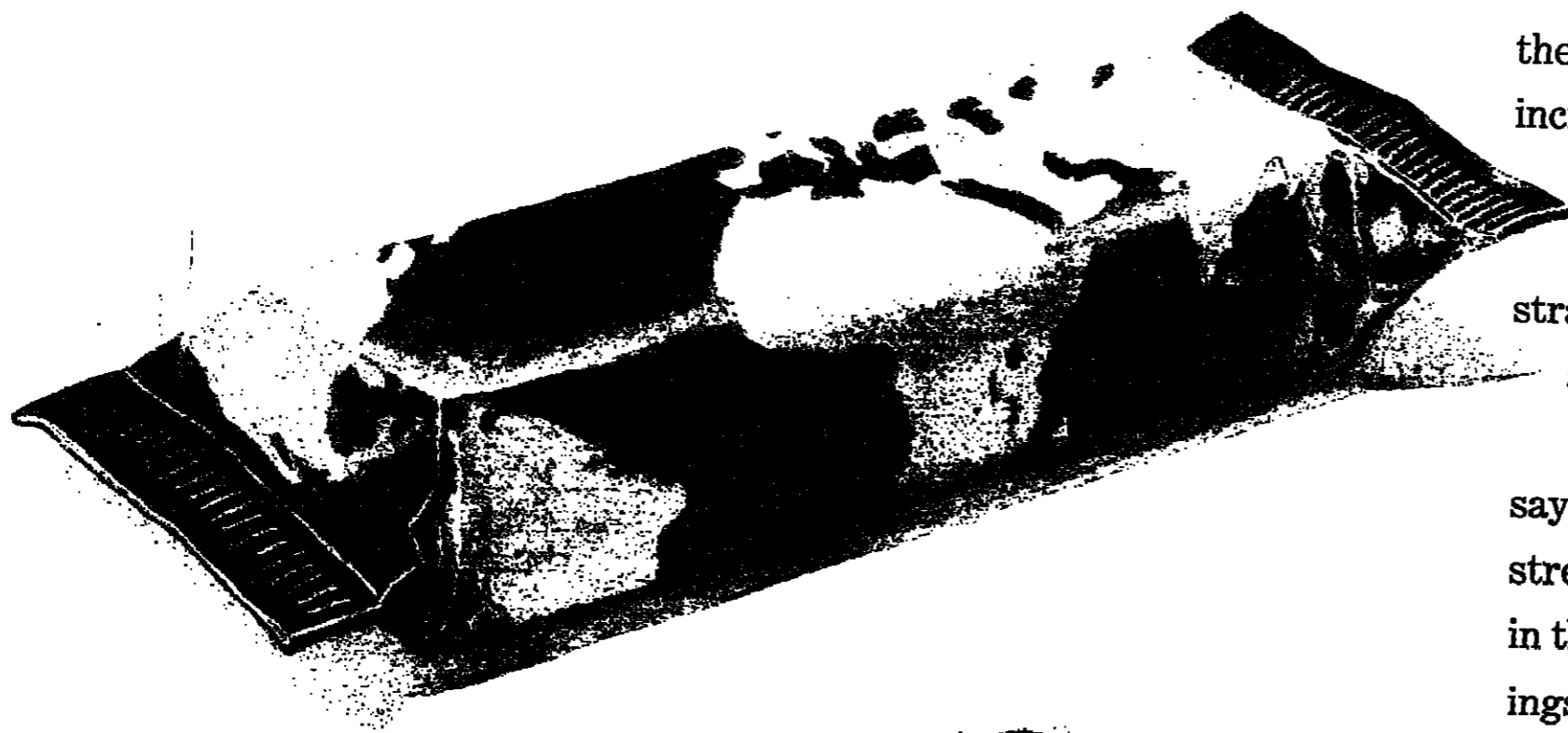
Aggressive marketing has more than doubled trading profits since 1981, reaching some £57 million in 1987. So carefully planned management is achieving exciting profit growth.



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The success of Cadbury Ltd. in the UK is by no means the whole story. We've applied the same principle of reducing costs and increasing marketing investment throughout the world. What's more, growth in 1988 will be further enhanced by recent strategic acquisitions in the USA, Australasia and France.

As Chief Executive Dominic Cadbury says, "The management skills which have strengthened Cadbury Schweppes' position in the market place and increased 1987 earnings per share by over 33% will ensure that we capitalise on these new opportunities for the benefit of our shareholders."



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How personality clashes split the boardroom

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Failures in working relationships among company directors are almost invariably due to personality clashes rather than any inability or lack of qualifications of top executives to do the job.

As many as nine out of 10 boardroom splits can be put down to personality differences. And most of them happen within a few months of a new director arriving, according to Mr Saxton Saxton who runs Saxton Bampfylde International, a leading executive headhunting agency.

Mr Saxton, who has been in the executive recruitment business for 20 years, says the cost of these failures to the companies is enormous. One of the main problems is that some companies go about recruiting their senior executives in the wrong way.

"The indications are that headhunters are finding what appear to be ideal candidates on paper, yet the headhunter's

role must include an analysis of the personalities involved to ensure compatibility."

Mr Saxton has listed 20 critical points for successful "courtship" when a new executive is being wooed by a company.

"People who marry on the basis of hearsay and a couple of meetings are regarded as precipitate and foolish.

"Yet people who entrust the direction of substantial parts of major businesses to perfect strangers on a similar basis are regarded as quite normal. That makes little sense."

Mr Saxton believes that any firm which asks a headhunter to find it a senior executive should ensure the headhunter knows all about the firm.

Likewise, he says, it is up to the headhunter to get to know the eccentricities of key people in the firm, as well as the company culture and strategy, to ensure that the person recruited will fit.

19 OCTOBER SIX MONTHS ON

Six months ago today, the financial world was shaken to its very foundations by the huge slide in equity markets worldwide.

Black Monday, the beginning of the October crash. Then and since, vast quantities of time and trees have been consumed in diagnosis of the causes of the crash and the implications for equity markets, which have struggled to regain their confidence. But what of the gilt market over this period?

In the week prior to Black Monday the US bond market had slumped, as fear soared that the Federal Reserve, already set on a monetary-tightening path, would jack rates up sharply further to defend a dollar whose stability had been seriously undermined by an extremely disappointing trade figure. The gilt market had followed New York downwards.

The following week, however, as the sky fell in on equity markets worldwide, the focus of their bond market counterparts switched to recession. US bonds soared, as did gilts, with UK long yields dropping from 10½ per cent to below 9 per cent in a dramatic, albeit brief, surge.

Fuelling this global bond rally was the "world turned upside down" theory. The equity markets' collective collapse, it was argued,

would send the world into recession; and that, in its turn, would provoke deflation. In such circumstances, investors would eschew their previously favoured equities and rush to fill their portfolios with bonds.

It is one of the curious features of the crash that most of the forecasts of the consequences made at the time were wrong. And not just slightly, but completely.

The doomsters — who were then in a clear majority — looked forward to a sharp global economic downturn as individuals and companies cut back their expenditure. The potential magnitude of wealth and confidence effects was exhaustively discussed, and comparisons with the early 1930s were very much in vogue.

Of course, what actually happened was completely different. During the past six months all the big economies appear wholly to have shrugged off the collapse in stock markets and their imperfect with the notable exception of Japan) recovery since. Confidence in the private sector, whether in the US or elsewhere, was nowhere near as fragile as many imagined. Indeed, the world economy gives every indication of being on track to grow as fast this year as last, a view supported by the IMF last week.

Certainly, in the UK, aggregate demand and output have continued to be surprisingly strong; something that we suspect will keep happening in coming months.

The other popular forecast doing

the rounds six months ago was that the crash would directly benefit gilts because the large financial institutions would decide they had put too many of their eggs in the equity basket and would, in response, move to restore a better balance by switching out of equities into gilts — or, at the very least, diverting a far greater proportion of their new money to gilts.

This, however, has not happened to any material extent. The institutions appear to have been content to accumulate cash. Certainly, they have been in no hurry to allocate it to any of the asset markets. The result of this has been fast-rising institutional liquidity. Pension fund liquidity, for instance, has risen from a pre-crash 3 per cent to a level today not far short of 10 per cent.

The post-crash drop below 9 per cent in the long end of the gilt market proved short-lived (as had been the 1980 previous moves into sub-9 per cent territory in recent years: the first induced by the 1986 oil price collapse, and the second by anticipation of Mrs Thatcher's election victory last year). Indeed, since then long yields have traded in the 9-10 per cent range.

Interestingly, if the proverbial fund manager from Mars, interested in some genuine interplanetary portfolio diversification, were to look at the performance of the gilt market since the crash, he would probably be surprised by how little gilt yields had changed.

What continues to dog gilts is the continued rapid growth in the

British economy. Strong domestic demand, a tightening labour market, surging credit and a widening current account deficit are the sort of economic background that makes most gilt investors run for cover — and stay there.

All the inflation indices themselves continue to be well behaved and there are no signs whatever of any pick-up in inflation. Obsessive concern about "overheating" is still wholly unsupported by any hard evidence. None the less, such worries will doubtless persist until there are signs of a material slowdown in either output growth or domestic demand. And the latter promises to grow as strongly this year as last.

Even that usual staple of a bull market in gilts — lower base rates — has been greeted with a degree of suspicion. The fear is that upward pressure upon the pound is forcing the Government to take risks on the inflation front, and the reappearance of an upward-sloping yield curve indicates that the gilt market's monetary policy is too loose.

It is this sort of outlook that has caused some to worry about the prospect for the gilt market later this year. However, the pessimists are likely to be in for a surprise. Indeed, we believe that there is a very good chance that long gilt yields will have dropped further by the end of the year.

What has not yet been fully appreciated is that strong economic growth and a high exchange rate regime are good news for gilts. It is a

combination that severely limits the supply of gilts while holding inflation in check. It is a recipe for lower real interest rates.

Forecasts of future gilt supply are made with a degree of precision that belies the fact that they are among the most error-prone of any economic forecasts.

But one point is very clear indeed. With the PSBR to stay in large surplus — probably larger than the Chancellor admitted in his Budget — and intervention in the foreign exchange markets now downgraded as a policy option, gilt issues will be very scarce indeed in the coming year. Indeed, it looks as if the Government will be a net buyer of gilts over the year as a whole.

The institutions will not be able or willing to accumulate cash indefinitely. Admittedly, only part of this "cash mountain" will go to gilts: much, we think, is destined for UK and overseas equities. None the less, gilt promise to be in material demand.

The strong case for the gilt-edged market is that last October's equity market sell-off did not have the effects upon the real economy that were feared. Instead, economic growth has continued unabated. A government with both a strong anti-inflation commitment and a Budget surplus is unprecedented in modern times. Buy now while stocks last.

Ian Harwood and John Shepperd Warburg Securities

Hoechst to invest £20m in Britain

By David Young

The growing importance of Britain as a base for the expansion of European companies has been highlighted by the latest profits figures issued by Hoechst, the West German chemical conglomerate.

Hoechst UK has announced a substantial return to profit and a £20 million investment programme for the coming year in new research and production facilities.

The company will invest in new laboratories in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and at its chemicals plant in Harlow, Essex.

Investments will also be made at its fibres plant in Northern Ireland and the company plans to continue the expansion programme which has seen staffing rise by 18 per cent, from 6,397 in 1986 to 7,552 last year.

The company has turned a £1 million loss in 1986 into an £11 million profit in 1987 and this year has met 40 per cent of the profit targets set for 1988.

Mr Arno Baltzer, the chairman and chief executive, said that in 1987 exports climbed to £76 million as turnover increased by 17 per cent to £1 billion.

He said: "1987 was the most successful year in the history of Hoechst UK — thus far. I confidently predict that our company and our group will continue to go from strength to strength and that 1988 and succeeding years will bring us even greater success."

"This year is already showing a growth in our UK business and we are confident that we can share in the dynamic economic performance of the chemical industry as a whole."

In the past year the company has disposed of its Berger paints business — "the end of one era and the start of a new one for the Hoechst Group," — and it has taken a half share in the UK market for carbon dioxide by its acquisition of the Distillers carbon dioxide business.

Volvo car assembly line goes

By Daniel Ward

A car assembly plant where there is no production line and employees work on a car for up to two hours at a time will be opened in the autumn by Volvo.

The Uddevalla plant, in Sweden, is close to the ultimate form of "group working" which Volvo has pioneered in its Kalmars factory since 1974.

Cars will be stationary for up to two hours at Uddevalla and will move only four times in the assembly process. Three groups of four working areas will be adjacent to a final testing and inspection zone.

Uddevalla will foster team spirit among the 80 employees who will work on each car and relieve monotony by allowing them to complete a large number of tasks on each vehicle. A maximum of 40,000 Volvo 740s a year will be built on a single shift.

Shop sales growth 'to continue'

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Steady growth in shop sales is expected this month following a quieter March than retailers had expected.

The Confederation of British Industry expects a continuation into April of the moderation in the underlying trend of sales growth which has been maintained over the first quarter of the year, according to its distributive trades survey for March.

Mr John Caff, the CBI's economics director, said sales should continue to show good increases above last year.

The survey showed 58 per cent of retailers expected April sales to be higher than a year ago.

March 1988 CBI/Financial Times Distributive Trades Survey.

Twelfth Year of Record Growth

	1987 £m	1986 £m	% change
Turnover	162.6	145.5	+12
Pre-Tax Profits	32.5	28.0	+16
Earnings per share	13.16p	11.72p	+12
Total Dividend	3.277p	2.700p	+21

Audited Results for the year ended 31 December 1987.

Our aim is to continue the growth that we have achieved over the past twelve years. The order intake, sales and trading profit for the first two months of the year are higher than for the comparable period of 1987. We will continue with our basic strategy which is to identify niche markets in the electrical and electronic sectors and to serve those markets on an international basis.

Ray Parsons, Executive Chairman

Bowthorpe Holdings

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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted) ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end April 22. Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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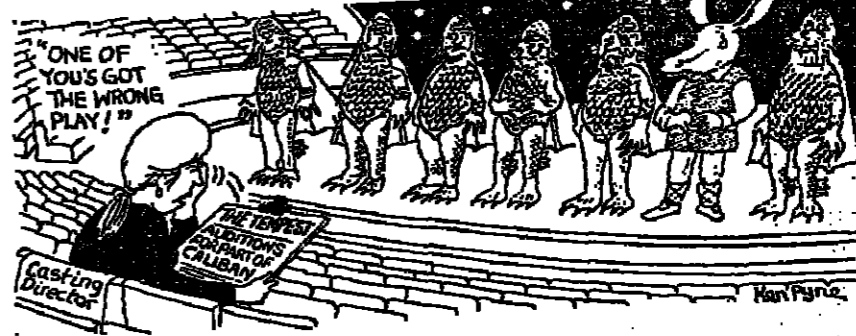
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An act you can't do without

The casting director is not so much the director's right hand as an instrument of his vision in picking the right actor for a part, says Simon Walsh



There are two characters in Shakespeare's The Tempest called the Shipmaster and the Boatswain. They each have only a small part in the play, but they are very important, because you could not do Scene 1 without them.

The answers to these questions change every time a new production of The Tempest gets under way. In the mind's eye of the director there will already be a fairly shrewd idea of what each of the characters will look like. But what the director cannot see is where they can be found, and whether or not they will be available between the start of rehearsals and the final performance.

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It doesn't end there. The administration involved in hiring actors has to be taken care of, fees have to be negotiated, last-minute hitches untangled, and an over-view of the showbiz scene is needed. Also everything has to be continually kept up to date.

Serena Hill is head of casting at the National Theatre. "I loved the theatre from as far back as I can remember", she said. "As you might think, my automatic reaction was wanting to act, but seeing what other actors were doing, I realized I would never be good enough. However, I did not know then of all the other functions that existed within the theatre."

After a series of theatre-related jobs in administration, supplemented by evening work as a dresser, Serena discovered her vocation while working as an agent's assistant.

"One of my jobs had been to check out the drama schools for potential clients, and I was frequently called up by casting directors because they knew of my aptitude in spotting where the talent lay."

By a lucky coincidence Serena heard of a casting job at the Royal Court Theatre,

Sloane Square, and at the interview the artistic director, Max Stafford Clark, asked her to compile a mock casting list for a forthcoming production. When they went through the list, they found their choices were virtually identical. She got the job.

In her present job at the National Theatre, Serena finds that this affinity with a director's interpretation of the characters in a play is essential to the casting process.

"Every director will cast a play differently - therefore it is very important that you compliment the director's tastes. To do that, you must get to know the director as well and as quickly as possible.

"It's all very well knowing a vast number of actors you personally believe to be excellent, but if the director does not trust your taste, he will not see them. The most exciting thing is when the director starts to trust you, because then the work becomes quite creative - otherwise it would be a passive job."

Often there will be availability checks to do, and as there can be odd days when an actor is not available, all details have to be recorded in scrupulous detail.

After consultations with the director, there will be interviews to be set up, dates to be confirmed, and scripts to be posted off. If there are interviews or auditions that day, the casting director will be in attendance, and discussing the results with the director for some time after that. You could even find yourself having to work out the financial outlay for a production.

"I also have a small amount of budgeting to do. I might have to give a rough costing for a play going on tour for a fortnight. Sometimes only half the characters will have been cast, so I would have to think about what salaries the remaining actors would be on. If there are children in the cast, they will need chaperones, whose salaries I would take into account. I would then present the result to the accountant and the tours department."

By then a full day will have come to its end at 6pm, but there is still work to be done.

"After that I'm off to the theatre again, and we often go to theatres outside London, as well as taking in the drama schools.

"Here at the National Theatre I'm not necessarily thinking of one play, because in a theatre like this you are working on five or six productions at once. I might see someone who looks right for a production starting next month, or maybe it won't be due for a year, but one does acquire a very good memory."

"I video-record TV productions to watch in my own time, which is usually very late at night after I have been to the theatre."

For the aspiring casting director, Serena says: "Obviously you will need a knowledge and love of theatre, but administrative skills are also needed, so you have to be able to type. Very often it proves wise to have first worked for an agent in a support capacity, where you will learn about actors, and understand their situation properly."

Shirley Teace at Thames TV Light Entertainment suggests a similar approach. "The best thing seems to be to get into the casting department as a secretary. It's usually a long wait, because people don't seem to move around very much, so you just have to wait until a vacancy comes up.

"Most of the casting directors in the company are women, and quite a lot of them have started out as secretaries in the department."

While major theatre and television companies run casting departments in-house, as a rule film companies do not, which offers opportunities for the freelance. This is not easy. To become one you have to be a member of the Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians Union (ACTT) and you will have had to have worked for an existing member of the union for at least two years.

Michelle Gish and Debbie Williams are two partners working from an office near Wardour Street. "We live a relatively dangerous life", says Debbie Williams. "On Friday we might not know if there is a job on Monday. I find that frightening, but exciting. Each film is quite different. Sometimes they will say: 'We've got Donald Sutherland and Catherine Deneuve and we want you to do everything else', or they might say, 'here's the script, we haven't cast anybody, start at the beginning.'"

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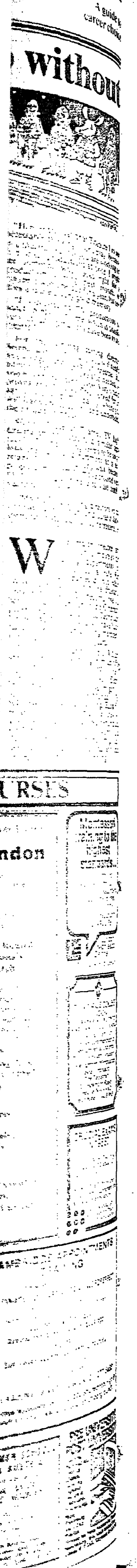
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Couples hoping to put his Phoenix memory to flight

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Fred Couples, of the United States, led the South African David Frost by one shot as the final round of the MCI Heritage Classic unfolded on the Harbour Town course here yesterday.

Couples, however, knew he could have had a four-shot cushion as he teed-off. He had taken five at the short 17th on Saturday when he missed a putt of five inches and Frost had holed from 50 feet for a birdie at the last.

Card of the course table with columns for Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par

McNulty returns to profit

From Mel Webb, Canaan accelerating past the field. His near-perfect round of 66 gave him victory by three shots on the 12th hole.



Hooked: Robbinson in attacking form yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Bowler wields a deadly bat

By Tony Winlaw
Barnett's 151 was the record Derbyshire score against Cambridge but the firstman Fenner deserved his wicket with a leg before Fenner, a post-graduate at Durham, held a beard cut and bowled at chest height to dismiss Roberts for nought in his next over.

Robinson enjoys the fruits of a new-found style

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

LORDS (Nottinghamshire won toss): MCC, with three first innings wickets in hand, are 139 runs behind Nottinghamshire. To all of those who were not in New Zealand and who were not in the MCC team, Tim Robinson was a revelation at Lord's yesterday.

He still has to convince many of us that his new outlook will produce the goods when his technique is once more examined by the likes of Marshall. His record against the West Indies is woeful but he and the selectors, gathered in force yesterday to watch his 129 in four and a half hours, may still be obliged to give him the chance.

Rain hampers Oxford

THE PARKS (Leicestershire won the toss): Oxford University have scored 66 for three against Leicestershire. Rain reduced play to just two hours on Saturday and after winning the toss, David Gower, the Leicestershire captain, had no hesitation in asking the students to take first use of a green pitch.

Motivation plays important role

By Barry Pickthall
The selection of Crewsearch finalists to represent the South West in the climax of this nationwide scheme, sponsored jointly by The Times and James Capel, to identify tomorrow's international yachtsmen, was as taxing for all the judges as the trials were for the competitors at Torquay this weekend.

Reaction mixed to de Savary

By Barry Pickthall
Peter de Savary's challenge for the America's Cup in September has received welcome approval from New Zealand and cautious acceptance from the Californians yesterday.

Leigh go down fighting

By Keith Macklin
Salford were celebrating last night. Their 36-16 victory over Halifax enabled them to avoid relegation, while sentencing Leigh to the second division.

Bontas stirs memories of Comaneci

Cristina Bontas, aged 14, the Romanian junior champion, evoked memories of the great Nadia Comaneci when she won the Vitalite Champions All tournament at Birmingham on Saturday (Peter Aykroyd writes).

Todd and Bahlua jump ahead of King Boris

Mark Todd, the Olympic individual gold medal from New Zealand, and Bahlua, his back-up to his top horse, Charisma, won their advanced section of the Dalhousie Brigstocke Horse Trials in Northamptonshire.

Damiani defence

Milan (AFP) - Francesco Damiani, of Italy, will defend his European heavyweight boxing title against John Emmen, of The Netherlands, here on April 22.

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Britons prepared to sacrifice Games over Budd

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

The wider political ramifications of the year's ban facing Zola Budd were temporarily forgotten yesterday with an extraordinary display of solidarity from Hugh Jones and Kevin Forster, who, having just won their Olympic places with their performances in the London Marathon, said they would be prepared to forego them in defence of Budd.

The British Amateur Athletic Board was instructed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation on Saturday to suspend Budd for a year, with the scarcely-veiled threat that the BAAB itself would risk suspension if the instruction was not followed. In that unlikely event, no British athlete could compete in the Olympic Games, among other international competitions.

Yet Forster and Jones, second and fourth in the London Marathon, but automatically qualifying for Olympic places by virtue of being the first Britons home, both urged the BAAB to reject the IAAF's demand.

Forster said: "I think the Board should defend her, even if it means no British team going to the Olympics. In this instance, there isn't sufficient evidence to back a ban. The Board is reaping a bitter harvest for what it did four years ago."

Jones, who is one of the

Door is open

Colin Meynham, Minister for Sport, said of the Budd situation: "At the end of the day, it has to be the British Amateur Athletic Board which makes the decision. It is the board that runs athletics and not me. And no one would want it any differently. But if the BAAB wishes to have a meeting some time this week, then my door is open. I'm not going to put pressure on anyone."

Asked about the Government's stance on sporting links with South Africa, he reiterated its support for the Gleneagles Declaration.

most politically aware of British athletes, said: "She's the innocent party. It will be completely spineless and without principle if the Board backs down and doesn't back her. It is already found wanting for not advising her. There is a principle here, you just can't let someone be treated in that way. [Her situation] is due to the incompetence of the IAAF and British Board. She's not particularly culpable. There are other sports and other spheres who sustain this [South African] regime far more than any of her actions have done. I would be prepared not to go."

Susan Tooby and Dave Long were more ambivalent. Tooby, second British woman in her first proper marathon, thus qualifying for Seoul, said: "I feel sorry for Zola. She's a

Forster can afford to smile

By Pat Butcher

Four years ago, when Zola Budd was little more than a front page spread in the *Daily Mail*, Kevin Forster sat cheerfully rueful in the London Marathon changing rooms, having run the race of his life, yet having seen his Gateshead club colleague, Charlie Spedding, beat him to first position and the single remaining place in the British Olympic marathon squad.

Forster finished second again yesterday. But with Henrik Jorgensen, of Denmark, in front of him, and two places open on the British team, which should be going to Seoul (see adjoining story), Forster's race-long grimace had blossomed into a broad grin.

"I thought about last time as I was coming past Big Ben," Forster said, savouring the experience again. Since the timely landmark is only 385 yards from the finish, and Forster was about the same distance ahead of Hugh Jones, the second Briton, he had left his satisfaction until the last moment to surface.

That is perhaps understandable. Because up until 20 of the 26 miles and 385 yards, Forster had been one of around a dozen Britons still in contention for the two automatic selections. And that dozen was part of a group of 20 chasing the runaway Jose da Silva, of Brazil.

Since, as Hugh Jones, the other automatic qualifier said later, none of them knew who da Silva was (and even less that he lives in Richmond), "He wasn't a factor."

But the tiny, elegant da Silva remained a factor until 21 miles, when Jorgensen led the sweep past him. The Brazilian was rewarded with over a two minute improvement on his best time, finishing fifteenth in 2hr 13min 42sec.

Jorgensen's effort, aided by a typically gritty Jones, broke up the large group completely in the last five miles. Jones



Winners both: Kristiansen and Jorgensen yesterday (Photograph: Alan Weiler)

held second temporarily, and looked like maintaining his record of never being beaten by a Briton in this race.

But Forster was going to make absolutely sure this time. Jorgensen, third in this race in 1983, and already selected for the Olympics on the basis of his world championship performance last summer, won in 2:10.52. Forster finished in 2:10.52, his best time by almost a minute. Kazuyoshi Kudo, of Japan, was third in 2:10.59, also a personal best. And the ever-reliable Jones was fourth in 2:11.08.

Dave Long's fifth place in 2:11.33, over three minutes inside his previous best, and exactly five minutes faster than his effort two years ago, brought the inevitable debate

over the third Olympic place to the surface.

Steve Jones, due to greater prize money, and an argument (yet to be aired publicly) with Chris Brasher, the London organizer, is running the Boston marathon today.

Forster, in particular was critical of the advantage which that gives Jones. "Steve knows exactly what he's got to do to qualify. [Apart from finishing in the first two], none of us knew that today. There's just no way that you can compare his run tomorrow." The consensus was that Jones would have to run considerably faster than Long to justify getting selected.

The women's Olympic selection is more clear cut.

Priscilla Welch, the British record-holder, is also running Boston today. But Sue Crehan, third British women yesterday ran 2:35.10, a time which puts her beyond consideration. Ann Ford, who said she may not accept her Olympic place, due to her younger son starting school in September was first British woman in second place overall in 2:30.38, beating Ery Palm, of Sweden, and marathon debutant, Susan Tooby, who was fourth (second Briton) in 2:32.09.

Such is the excellence we (and herself) expect of Ingrid Kristiansen, her first place in 2:25.41 was considered a poor run. Yet, only three women other than herself had bettered it.

Support is echoed down the field

By David Powell

The rank and file of club athletes believe that British officials should support Zola Budd, regardless of the consequences, according to a random poll conducted by *The Times* yesterday among London Marathon finishers.

Steven Croxford, of Poole Runners, who clocked 2hr 38min 20sec, said: "I feel very strongly about this and will write to the British Board urging them to support her — and I would encourage other athletes to do the same. She is a British citizen holding a British passport, whether or not you agree how she got it."

David Milner, of Haringeley AC, who clocked 2:39:29, said: "I am disgusted with the way she is being treated. It is appalling that the black African nations are using political manipulation to ostracize her. I hope the Board stands up for her — it would be for the good of the sport."

Les Golder, of Torbay AC, said after his 2:35:36 run: "She has run for our country at the top level before and I don't see why she should be banned now. How can they

ban somebody for going to watch a race? Britain should fight to have her in the team."

These sentiments were echoed by other runners interviewed by *The Times*, but there was the occasional dissenter. Declan McGrath, of Westbury Harriers, who timed 2:19:43, said: "The whole affair has been a mistake from the moment they hurried her citizenship. The British Board has no option but to ban her for the sake of the rest of the British athletes."

Jack Buckner, the European 5,000 metres champion, said: "From a personal point of view, I would not want Britain not to miss the Olympics over this issue; that would be tragic. I would hope that Zola would not jeopardize other British athletes' chances of competing in Seoul."

Liz McColegan, the runner-up in the world cross-country championship last year, said: "It's a shame that anyone should have to go through all this — it is a sport after all. They're just using her as a political pawn, and it's getting out of hand."

Dinsamo sets world best in Rotterdam

Belayneh Dinsamo set a world best marathon time in Rotterdam yesterday, and gave substance to rumours which had been circulating at the IAAF meeting on Friday and Saturday, namely that the Ethiopians are reconsidering their boycott of the Olympic Games (Pat Butcher writes).

After a duel with Ahmed Saleh, of Djibouti, between 34 and 41 kilometres, Dinsamo, who won the race last year in 2:12.58, recorded 2:06:49. He ran the last 2,195 kilometres 37 seconds faster than Carlos Lopes, when the Portuguese set the previous world record of 2:07.12 on the same course three years ago. Saleh also beat Lopes' time with 2:07.07. Wodajo Bulti, another Ethio-

pian, was third in his marathon debut in 2:08.44. Dinsamo, aged 30, a policeman, who had run 2:08.29, said afterwards that the Olympic boycott should not be taken for granted.

● BOSTON: It will be a case of Alas Smith or Jones when the British selectors sit tonight to decide the marathon teams for Seoul (Stephen Downes writes). Steve Jones, and Geoff Smith have gambled by staking their claim for Olympic selection in Boston today. With two places in the British team guaranteed to Kevin Forster and Hugh Jones for their performances in London yesterday, Smith and Steve Jones are racing for, at best, the final place in the team.

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Harry Barratt (GB)	London	26/5/09	2:42:31
Alexis Ahlgren (Swe)	London	31/5/13	2:38:05
Hannes Kolehmainen (Fin)	Antwerp	22/8/20	2:32:25
Al Michelson (US)	Port Chester	12/10/25	2:29:01
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Long wait over for McEnroe

From Barry Wood Tokyo

John McEnroe, who won his first tournament for almost 18 months when he beat Stefan Edberg in the Suntory Japan Open yesterday, believes he still has a long way to go in his return to top level play.

The 6-2, 6-2 win over the defending champion brought a successful conclusion to McEnroe's first tournament for seven months. But he remains cautious.

"It takes time to play all the top players and see how you stand, and you have to play on different surfaces in different situations, so it's going to take a few months to see what's happening," he said.

"To get to that level you have to be consistent, too. I have to aim to be consistently beating all the top players for six months."

McEnroe also sees himself as the standard-bearer for men's tennis, which he believes is rapidly losing ground to the women's game.

"What's happening with Graf, Sabatini and Navratilova almost seems as exciting as what is happening with the men."

"I commend them but we have got to get our act together and I would like to be part of it," added McEnroe.

A pulled stomach muscle hindered Edberg's efforts to stop McEnroe. His serve had no penetration. "I pulled the muscle three days ago and I couldn't move or serve today," he said.

Cautious Dujon's fifth century

From Richard Streeton Port of Spain, Trinidad

Jeff Dujon completed his fifth Test hundred as West Indies reached 391 in their second innings on the fourth day of the second Cable and Wireless Test here yesterday. It left Pakistan needing to make 372 to win the match and take a 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Today is a rest day and the match finishes tomorrow.

Pakistan made 16 in the three overs they batted before lunch. They faced a hard task but were not entirely without hope as the pitch was playing easier than at any previous time. West Indies resumed at 329 for eight and it took the Pakistanis 95 minutes to take the last two wickets as West Indies added a further 62 runs.

Dujon has played 34 Test innings since his last century, against Australia at Perth in 1984-85. He took no risks as he defied the bowlers for 54 hours and hit 13 fours. Benjamin helped to add 56 for the ninth wicket before Qadir had him leg-before. Dujon was 86 when Walsh, the last man, joined him and they put on 34 before Walsh was stumped.

This has been a gripping Test match, with first one side and then the other holding the initiative and it was not altogether unexpected when the tension on Saturday brought a controversy. Richards had made 25 when he moved out against Imran Khan and the ball hit his pads. Imran's lbw appeal was turned down by Clyde Cumberbatch

and the Pakistan captain was clearly disappointed. Saleem Yousof, the wicketkeeper, and Richards could be seen exchanging heated words. It was learned later that Richards asked the wicketkeeper why he had appealed. Imran then asked the umpire: "Don't I have the right to ask?"

The Pakistanis also asked the umpires to request Richards to stop swearing at them. Mr Cumberbatch declined to elaborate but confirmed that at no time was Imran guilty of dissent. Play was held up for three or four minutes and the exchanges initially were misinterpreted by the crowd.

They heard radio commentators accuse Imran of despicable behaviour.

Comparisons with Gatting in Pakistan were invoked and a call was made to the ICC to take action against players who argued with umpires. Later commentators broadcast profuse apologies to Imran and said they regretted accusing him of showing dissent.

Richards was looking out of touch at this time. He had seen Richardson caught behind flashing in the first over and without reacting his best form Richardson shared stands that brought 94 and 97 with Hooper and Dujon for the fifth and sixth wickets.

Imran and Qadir persevered gamely in an attack that lacked Ijaz Faqih (bruised hand) and had Wasim Akram limping badly.

Waiting on Harding

England, who know already that they will be without Jonathan Webb, the Bristol full back, for the last leg of their summer rugby union tour to Australia and Fiji, must wait to see whether Richard Harding, his club colleague, will also be available against Fiji (David Hands writes).

Harding, an estate agent, has yet to confirm that he can stay on for the final five days of the tour and hopes to know whether his business can release him within the next fortnight.

Cheryl Steanett scored three tries as Wasps beat Richmond, 34-6, in the final of the women's Rugby Union Cup at Rosslyn Park yesterday.

Off target

A strong wind, which diverted aim by as much as 15 feet, and an outstanding Australian performance, combined to push the Great Britain team into second place in the Palma Trophy long-range rifle match in Sydney on Saturday.

Pole winner

Johnny Herbert, of England, driving a Reynard-Cosworth, led from start to finish to win the opening Formula 3000 championship race of the season at Jerez de la Frontera, Spain yesterday, ahead of Mark Blundell and Michel Trollé.

England lose

The England women's ice-croquet team lost 4-2 to an under-23 college squad in Philadelphia, but recovered to beat the United States 10-2 to win the international series 2-0 with one game to play.

Starting well

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Loyalty comes before the law

By David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

Let one aspect of the Zola Budd issue be understood. She obtained a British passport, whatever other considerations, because it opened the door to a substantial sum of money, with the abolition of amateur regulations.

It is irritating to have to return to this controversy, yet any reader is doubtless committed to one or other side of the argument: which is not just about ideology, morality and law as it affects one displaced citizen, but, for now, ultimately, about whether a British team will compete in the Olympic Games.

The heart of the argument is like an iceberg of which only the more recent details are immediately evident. To give a single instance of the indignation which has slowly built up into that iceberg: when MCC toured South Africa in 1976 the Cricket Association of the Indian (non-white) community, based mainly in the Cape, requested MCC for a friendly match. They did not even receive a reply.

The white man, Afrikaner or anyone else, delayed to long a recognition of black South African dignity to claim now that black Africa is not playing the game fairly. Nor is it any good pointing to racial injustice elsewhere — Haiti, Guyana, Uganda, the Soviet Union — as mitigation. Inhumanity in one prison does not excuse inhumanity in another.

Hair-trigger of black resentment

Zola Budd and her advisers, who from the outset have handled her activities with insensitivity, not to say incompetence, should have been aware of the risks they ran, if the hair-trigger of black resentment, as the captain of a submarine trying to penetrate the enemy's own waters. She, and they, were not.

That is why, as I have suggested before, the British Amateur Athletic Board is pleading — a fundamentally weak case when claiming the law supports Budd; that she did not compete in South Africa. It is naive to argue that Budd is no different from any other spectator turning up to train alongside such an event.

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The IAAF, in their deliberations in London, have not been hell-bent on twisting the law in their favour against the facts. There are honourable men among them: including Lamine Diack, the vice-president of Senegal, who competed internationally in France at both athletics and football.

Diack is a reasonable man who, together with others, finds that the spirit of the law has been warped, for a matter of convenience, on the strength of Budd's English grandfather.

Turning their back on 400 athletes

In weighing their decisions, whether to concede to the IAAF or to support Budd, the British Board should look carefully at where their loyalties lie, not merely at the law.

Do they turn their back on a team of nearly 400 competitors preparing and hoping to be selected for Seoul on the basis of upholding a relationship into which they entered hastily and without judgement four years ago?

John Carlisle, MP, says that Budd has committed no crime and "we should hold up our head with honour."

Yet Budd has repeatedly continued to consort with her people in their land. I have said before that, in the spirit of morality, Budd should irrevocably establish her credentials as being British to justify her participation in international events.

An honourable compromise to demand a guarantee that the IAAF will honour Budd's eligibility from 1989 onwards if she establishes genuine residence between then and now; and forgoes the Olympic Games.

Victory for Suzuki

Tokyo (AP) — Aguri Suzuki of Japan, won the second leg of the eight-race international Formula F3000 series. Suzuki, aged 27, pipped his compatriot, Kazuyoshi Hoshino.

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